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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a turkey. It's a menorah. It's Thanksgiving!

An extremely rare convergence this year of Thanksgiving and the start of Hanukkah has created a frenzy of Talmudic proportions.



This image released by ModernTribe.com shows a Thanksgiving card celebrating Thanksgiving and Hanukkah. (AP Photo/ModernTribe.com)

There's the number crunching: The last time it happened was 1888, or at least the last time since Thanksgiving was declared a federal holiday by President Lincoln, and the next time may have Jews lighting their candles from spaceships 79,043 years from now, by one calculation.

There's the commerce: A 9-year-old New York boy invented the "Menurkey" and raised more than \$48,000 on Kickstarter for his already trademarked, Turkey-shaped menorah. Woodstock-inspired T-shirts have a turkey perched on the neck of a guitar and implore "8 Days of Light, Liberty & Latkes." The creators nabbed the trademark to "Thanksgivukkah."

Songs have popped up with lyrics like these from "The Ballad of Thanksgivukkah."

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'JUST VOTE'



President Barack Obama makes a statement about the government shutdown during a visit to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) headquarters in Washington, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Obama Challenges Boehner on Budget Vote

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama on Monday made an unscheduled visit to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in his latest bid to draw attention to the effects of the government shutdown and to challenge Speaker John A. Boehner's claim that he does not have enough votes to pass a measure to finance the government. Boehner, appearing Sun-

day on the ABC News program "This Week," said the Republican-controlled House could not pass a budget measure without provisions to limit the Affordable Care Act. Democrats and some Republicans say that a bipartisan majority exists but that Boehner refuses to defy Tea Party conservatives.

At FEMA, Obama called on Boehner to put to a vote the Senate-passed stop-gap bill to fund the govern-

ment.

"The House should hold that vote today," Obama said. "If Republicans and Speaker Boehner are saying there are not enough votes, then they should prove it."

Let the bill go to the floor and let's see what happens. Just vote. Let every member of Congress vote their conscience and they can determine whether or not they want to shut the government down. My sus-

picion is, my very strong suspicion is, that there are enough votes there."

Turning up the pressure, Obama added, "The reason that Speaker Boehner hasn't called a vote on it is because he doesn't apparently want to see the government shutdown end at the moment, unless he's able to extract concessions that don't have anything to do with the budget."

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Obama's absence leaves China as dominant force at APEC

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NUSA DUA, Indonesia - Secretary of State John Kerry sat in the chair reserved for President Barack Obama at the opening session of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit meeting Monday, leaving

China's leader, Xi Jinping, as the dominant leader at the gathering, devoted to achieving greater economic integration in the region.

Obama, who canceled his appearance at the meeting to try to resolve the government shutdown in Washington, had planned

to use his personal persuasion to push forward negotiations for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a trade bloc that is led by the United States and that excludes China.

A statement by foreign and trade ministers painted a fairly gloomy economic forecast for the 21

members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group as the leaders met at an international conference center on the Indonesian island of Bali.

"Global growth is too weak, risks remain tilted to the downside, and the economic outlook suggests growth is likely to be

slower and less balanced than desired," the ministers said.

To overcome the slow growth, it is imperative for the group to agree on a "comprehensive series of structural reforms so as to increase productivity, labor force participation and high-quality job creation," the statement said.

According to data from the group, its members account for about 40 percent of the world's population, 55 percent of global gross domestic product and about 44 percent of world trade. Trade within the group has grown nearly sevenfold since it was founded in 1989, topping \$11 trillion in 2011.

The U.S. trade representative, Michael Froman, said the Obama administration remained committed to trying to complete the negotiations for the Trans-Pacific Partnership by the end of the year. "Our message is 'Let's get this done as soon as possible,'" Froman said in an interview. The Dec. 31 goal is "ambitious, but it's doable," he said.

The partnership, a major element of Obama's pivot toward Asia, is intended to achieve open market access among the 12 participants, with the United States, Japan, Mexico and Canada as the major economies. The administration was hoping that the leader of South Korea, Park Geun-hye, would announce at the meeting that South Korea was ready to join the negotiations. But South Korean officials said Park would not make that declaration in Bali.

The absence of Obama took some gravitas out of the conference, and there were deep questions about how the president could get a trade pact through Congress given the hostility of conservative Republicans in the House toward his domestic programs. The prime minister of Singapore, Lee Hsien Loong, who maintains friendly relations with China, was the most direct in describing the damage to the summit meeting by Obama's absence. □



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers his keynote address at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO Summit in Bali, Indonesia, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013. In the absence of President Barack Obama, China's leader, Xi Jinping was the dominant leader at the APEC gathering. (AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

White diamond fetches a record \$30.6M at auction

HONG KONG (AP) — A white diamond the size of a small egg sold for \$30.6 million at a Hong Kong auction Monday night, although a blue diamond that was the night's other highlight with a \$19 million estimate failed to sell.

Two phone bidders competed for the 118-carat white diamond from Africa in six minutes of measured bidding until one dropped out in the Sotheby's jewelry auction, part of fall sales of art and collectibles by the firm and its rivals.

The twice-yearly ritual in the southern Chinese city draws wealthy collectors from mainland China and other Asian countries and has made the city one of

the world's busiest auction hubs. The "flawless" white oval diamond, mined and cut two years ago, was hammered down for 212 million Hong Kong dollars (\$27.3 million), just under the low end of the \$28 million to \$35 million estimate range set by Sotheby's. Total price including commission came to \$30.6 million. That was more than the previous record of \$26.7 million for a white diamond set in May at Christie's in Geneva. The stone, which weighed 299 carats when it was found in the rough in 2011, is the largest and most significant such diamond graded by the Gemological Institute of America. Sotheby's says it



A 118.28-carat white diamond is displayed by a model at a press preview at Sotheby's auction house in Hong Kong. The white diamond the size of a small egg has sold for \$27.3 million dollars at a Hong Kong auction. (AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

was discovered in southern Africa but won't name the country because the seller wishes to remain anonymous.

The auction's other highlight, a 7.6-carat flawless, round, vivid blue diamond

which had an estimate of \$19 million, failed to reach its reserve price.

The two gems were among 330 lots of rare jewelry that fetched a total of \$95 million, \$15 million less than expected. □

US interrogators sent to question al-Qaida suspect

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A team of military, intelligence and Justice Department interrogators has been sent to the USS San Antonio in international waters to question terror suspect Abu Anas al-Libi, who was captured in Libya over the weekend, two law enforcement officials told The Associated Press on Monday.

Al-Libi was indicted in 2000 for his involvement in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa.

He is currently being held in military custody aboard the Navy ship under the laws of war, which means a person can be captured and held indefinitely as an enemy combatant, one of the officials said.

As of Monday, al-Libi had not been read his Miranda rights — which includes the rights to remain silent and speak with an attorney. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation.

The interrogators sent to question al-Libi are part of a group of interrogators called the High-Value Detainee Interrogation Group.

The group was created by the Obama administration in 2009 to juggle the need to extract intelligence from captured suspected terrorists and preserve evidence for a criminal trial. It's part of President Barack Obama's strategy to prosecute terrorists in U.S. civilian courts.

In 2011, the U.S. captured Ahmed Abdulkadir Warsame, a Somali citizen suspected of helping support and train al-Qaida-linked terrorists. Warsame was questioned aboard a warship for two months before he was brought to the U.S. to face charges. He pleaded guilty earlier this year and agreed to tell the FBI what he knew about terror threats and, if necessary, testify for the government.

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Obama Challenges Boehner on Budget Vote

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Like other federal agencies, FEMA is operating with reduced staff - 86 percent was furloughed, according to its chief, W. Craig Fugate, though some were temporarily called back to deal with storm response efforts, and the rest are working for now without pay.

The agency has been busy coordinating with state and local governments to prepare for and respond to violent storms in the Midwest and Tropical Storm Karen.

The president used the appearance at the agency to reiterate his now-daily calls for Congress both to vote immediately to finance the government in the new fiscal year, which began last Tuesday, and to extend the nation's borrowing limit, which the Treasury Department has estimated will be breached Oct. 17. Last Friday, he did the same with an unscheduled appearance at a local sandwich shop.

While the shutdown has posed myriad problems nationwide for citizens and businesses, failure to raise the debt ceiling could ultimately provoke the nation's first default and lead to a global financial crisis. House Republicans have refused to allow a vote on a Senate-passed funding measure until Obama negotiates limits or cutbacks in his signature health care

law, which he has refused to do. The House in recent days has passed a number of bills funding various popular functions of the government, including FEMA,

py to talk to Republicans about anything related to the budget," Obama said. "There is not a subject that I am not willing to engage in, work on, negotiate and

the president's chief White House economic adviser, Gene B. Sperling, publicly reiterated what the Treasury secretary, Jacob J. Lew, has already told con-



House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013. The Republican-controlled House and the Democrat-controlled Senate are at an impasse, neither side backing down, after House GOP conservatives linked the funding bill to President Obama's existent health care law.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

as public complaints have mounted, but the White House and Democratic-controlled Senate have rejected that piecemeal approach, demanding that the entire government be funded.

Boehner and other Republicans have excoriated Obama for his refusal to negotiate over their demands. Also at FEMA, Obama countered that line of attack.

"I have said from the start of the year that I'm hap-

come up with common-sense compromises on. What I've said is that I cannot do that under the threat that if R's don't get 100 percent of their way they're going to either shut down the government or they are going to default on America's debt so that America for the first time in history does not pay its bills."

"We're not going to establish that pattern," he added.

Separately, on Monday

gressional Republicans: the White House will let Congress decide how great an increase to provide in the nation's soon-to-be-breached \$16.7 trillion debt limit.

Lew, in a letter over the weekend to Senate Republicans, said that under the Constitution, "Only Congress can authorize an increase in the nation's borrowing authority, and therefore Congress must choose how long to extend the debt limit." □

US still expects to sign security pact with Afghanistan

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is optimistic that a U.S.-Afghan agreement over the future role of American troops in the country can be finalized in the next few weeks despite two main sticking points and President Hamid Karzai's emotional outburst Monday alleging that the U.S. and NATO repeatedly violate Afghan sovereignty.

Nearly a year of negotiations have so far failed to

yield a deal and it is still possible that the two sides will never reach an agreement.

The U.S. wants to keep as many as 10,000 troops in Afghanistan to go after the remnants of al-Qaida, but if no agreement is signed, all U.S. troops would have to leave by Dec. 31, 2014.

Roughly 95 percent of the dozen-page agreement is complete and the rest is penciled in until the two sides can agree on language, according to an Obama administration official who spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly about the negotiations.

U.S. and Afghan negotiators held their latest round of talks on Monday, focusing their attention on two sticking points — both tough issues that remain unresolved.

Afghanistan wants American guarantees against future foreign intervention, a veiled reference to neighboring Pakistan. Afghanistan accuses its neighbor of harboring the Taliban and other extremists who enter

Afghanistan and then cross back into Pakistan where they cannot be attacked by Afghan or U.S.-led international forces.

The second sticking point is about the role and conduct of the counterterrorism force the U.S. wants to leave behind.

"The United States and its allies, NATO, continue to demand even after signing the BSA (bilateral security agreement) they will have the freedom to attack our people, our villages," Karzai said. "The Afghan people will never allow it." □



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Gobble tov! American Jews ready for Thanksgivukkah

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"Imagine Judah Macca-bee, sitting down to roast turkey and passing the potatoes to Squanto ..." Rabbi David Paskin, the song's co-writer and co-head of the Kehillah Schechter Academy in Norwood, Mass., proudly declares his the Jewish day school nearest Plymouth Rock. Let's not forget the food mash-ups commemorating the staying power of the Pilgrims and the fighting prowess of the Jews,

along with the miracle of one night's oil lasting eight days. Pumpkin latkes, apple-cranberry sauce and deep-fried turkey, anyone?

"It's pretty amazing to me that in this country we can have rich secular and rich religious celebrations and that those of us who live in both worlds can find moments when they meet and can really celebrate that convergence. There are a lot of places in the world where we would not be able to do that," Paskin said.

The lunisolar nature of the Jewish calendar makes Hanukkah and other religious observances appear to drift slightly from year to year when compared to the U.S., or Gregorian, calendar. But much of the intrigue over Hanukkah this year is buried deep in the history of Thanksgiving itself, which hasn't always been fixed in the same spot. That caused some initial confusion over Thanksgivukkah, aka Turkukkah. In 1863, Lincoln declared Thanksgiving as the last Thursday in November (the



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month sometimes has five of those) and the holiday remained there until President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a joint resolution of Congress fixing it as the fourth Thursday, starting in 1942.

Since 1863, Thanksgiving and the first full day of Hanukkah on the Gregorian calendar have not overlapped. Jewish practice calls for the first candle of eight-day Hanukkah to be lit the night before Thanksgiving Day this year, so technically Thanksgivukkah falls on the "second candle" night.

And then there's Texas. Before 1863, each state decided on its own date for Thanksgiving. As late as 1956, Texans were still chowing down on turkey and stuffing a week later than everyone else, according to a history put together by Chabad.org of the Chabad-Lubavitch

movement of Hasidic Jews. That means Jews in that state might have also been lighting their first Hanukkah candle in 1945 and 1956.

There's more early Thanksgiving lore and 2,000 years of calendar tinkering involving the Jewish calendar, but we'll spare you. Jonathan Mizrahi, a quantum physicist at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., puzzled on the convergence last January, in a blog post with buzzed-about line graphs picked up by others online. More than 100,000 people have visited the blog since then, he said, including some who questioned his calculations and prompted him to post a couple of clarifications.

The interest, Mizrahi said, "has truly blown me away. I've just been totally flabbergasted at the number of responses." □

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Fraud trial to begin for five Madoff staff

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NEW YORK (AP) — The longtime secretary of imprisoned financier Bernard Madoff and four other back-office subordinates of the Ponzi king are going to trial Tuesday as the government for the first time shows a jury what it has collected in its five-year probe of one of history's biggest frauds.

The trial in federal court in Manhattan is expected to last up to five months and feature the unveiling of the government's prize witness — Frank DiPascali, Madoff's former finance chief.

The government is counting on him to explain to jurors the roles each defendant played in a fraud that prosecutors say stretched back into the early 1970s and consumed nearly \$20 billion invested by thousands of victims, including retirees, charities, school trusts and even Holocaust survivors. Much of the money has since been recovered by a court-appointed trustee.

Amid a collapsing economy, Madoff was forced to reveal his fraud in December 2008, acknowledging that accounts he had told investors were worth nearly \$68 billion only days earlier actually held only a few hundred million dollars. He pleaded guilty to fraud charges a few months later and was sentenced to a 150-year prison term in Butner, North Carolina.

Madoff, 75, claimed during his guilty plea that he acted alone, but the government says that was not true and will use the trial to try to prove it. □

New \$100 bills start circulating Tuesday

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new \$100 bill, with an array of high-tech features designed to thwart counter-

country headed to banks, savings and loans and other financial institutions with the new C-notes.

The bills took more than a decade to develop

depending on how close their bank is to a regional Fed facility.

"We have 3.5 billion of these notes which we think will be more than ample to

Philadelphia's Independence Hall on the back. It will also have a number of new features that will definitely turn heads.

There is a disappearing Liberty Bell in an ink well and a bright blue three-dimensional security ribbon with images that move in the opposite direction from the way the bill is being tilted.

"The 3-D security ribbon is magic. It is made up of hundreds of thousands of micro-lenses in each note," said Larry Felix, the director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. "This is the most complex note the United States has ever produced." The \$100 bill is the last bill to get a make-over in a process that began in 2003 with the \$20 bill. The government redesigned the greenbacks with subtle colors and other security features to make it harder for counterfeiters. The \$100 bill, which is the most commonly counterfeited note outside of the United States, was redesigned with even more complex security features.

But the government ran into troubles when 1 billion of the first bills were found in 2010 to have unwanted creases. □



A sheet of uncut \$100 bills is inspected during the printing process at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Western Currency Facility in Fort Worth, Texas, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013. The federal printing facility is making the new-look colorful bills that include new security features in advance of the Oct. 8 circulation date. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

feiters, will get its coming out party on Tuesday, partial government shutdown or not.

The Federal Reserve, which has not been affected by the shutdown, will have armored trucks rolling from its regional banks around the

and the introduction was plagued by production problems that set back the rollout by 2½ years. But officials say the problems have now been fixed.

Some bank customers could start seeing the new bills by Tuesday afternoon

meet domestic and international demands," said Sonja Danburg, program manager for U.S. currency education at the Fed.

The bill redesign, the first for the \$100 bill since March 1996, will still have Benjamin Franklin on the front and

Judge hears conflicting estimates of BP oil spill

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Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — For weeks after BP's massive 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, people across the globe were captivated by a live video feed from underwater cameras that showed the company's blown-out well belching plumes of black crude into the water.

On Monday, more than three years later, clips from the spill cam were projected on a screen in a New

Orleans courtroom while lawyers for BP and the federal government quarreled over how much oil gushed out of BP's Macondo well during the 87-day crisis. The images helped some of the scientists calculate how much oil polluted the Gulf.

Determining how much oil spilled is a multibillion-dollar question for U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier, who is presiding over the trial involving the deadly Deepwater Horizon rig explo-

sion and the nation's worst offshore oil spill. The judge ultimately could decide how much more money BP owes for its role in the disaster.

Government experts estimate 4.2 million barrels, or 176 million gallons (666 million liters), spilled into the Gulf. BP has urged Barbier to use an estimate of 2.45 million barrels, or nearly 103 million gallons (389 million liters), in calculating any Clean Water Act penalties. Both sides agree that

810,000 barrels, or 34 million gallons (128 million liters), escaped the well but were captured before the crude could pollute the Gulf.

Under the Clean Water Act, a polluter can be forced to pay a maximum of either \$1,100 or \$4,300 per barrel of spilled oil. The higher maximum applies if the company is found grossly negligent, as the government argues BP should be. But penalties can be assessed at amounts lower than those caps. □

2 Americans, German-American win Nobel in medicine

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Two Americans and a German-American won the Nobel Prize in medicine Monday

search could someday lead to new medicines for epilepsy, diabetes and other conditions. The work has already helped doctors diagnose a severe form of epilepsy

quantities of useful proteins like insulin.

The \$1.2 million prize will be shared by James Rothman, 62, of Yale University, Randy Schekman, 64, of the University of California,

needs. The fleet of vesicles is sort of the FedEx of the cellular world.

When a pancreas cell releases insulin or one brain cell sends out a chemical messenger to talk to

thousands of people who are traveling around hundreds of miles of streets; how are they going to find the right way? Where will the bus stop and open its doors so that people can get out?" Nobel committee secretary Goran Hansson said. "There are similar problems in the cell."

Jeremy Berg, former director of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences in Bethesda, Md., said the prize was long overdue and widely expected because the work was "so fundamental and has driven so much other research."

Berg, who now directs the Institute for Personalized Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, said the work provided the intellectual framework that scientists use to study how brain cells communicate and how other cells release hormones. So the work has indirectly affected research into virtually all neurological disease as well as other diseases, he said.

In the 1970s, Schekman discovered a set of genes that were required for vesicle transport. Rothman revealed in the 1980s and '90s how vesicles delivered their cargo to the right places. Also in the '90s, Sudhof identified the machinery that controls when vesicles release chemical messengers from one brain cell that let it communicate with another. □



Karolinska Institute's Chairman of the Nobel committee for physiology or medicine Juleen Zierath talks, as images of James Rothman and Randy Schekman, of the United States, and German-born researcher Thomas Sudhof are projected on a screen, in Stockholm, Sweden, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013, as they are announced as the winners of the 2013 Nobel Prize in medicine. Rothman, Schekman and Sudhof won the 2013 Nobel Prize in medicine on Monday for discoveries on how proteins and other materials are transported within cells.

(AP Photo/Jan Erik Hennriksson)

for illuminating how tiny bubbles inside cells shuttle key substances around like a vast and highly efficient fleet of vans, delivering the right cargo to the right place at the right time. Scientists believe the re-

and immune deficiency diseases in children. It has also aided research into the brain and many neurological diseases, and opened the door for biotech companies to make yeast pump out large

Berkeley, and Dr. Thomas Sudhof, 57, of Stanford University. They unlocked the mysteries of the cell's internal transport system, which relies on bubble-like structures called vesicles to deliver substances the cell

a neighboring one, for example, the vesicles have to deliver those substances to the right places on the cell surface. They also ferry cargo between different parts of a cell.

"Imagine hundreds of

German man says he's ready for DC murder trial

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A German man charged with killing his 91-year-old wife has told a judge in a handwritten note that he is "willing, able and ready" for the murder trial despite a fast that he acknowledges has weakened him.

Albrecht Muth, 49, also reiterated in his letter his plans to represent himself, in place of his court-appointed lawyers, at his December trial in D.C. Superior Court.

Though his intermittent starvation has in the past left him hospitalized, postponed court proceedings and "somewhat weakened" him, Muth said he plans to continue fasting for religious purposes and in keeping with the "Holy Orders of the Eternal Father."

"As I said on my last visit with you, you live in your secular world. I live in my religious world. Do let us have the two meet in December," Muth, in an apparent reference to his upcoming trial, said in a letter to Judge

Superior Court Judge Russell Canan. "You should not force me to give up my religious fast to acquiesce to secular demand, thus violating a key tenet of my religious life, which is at the core of my being. My active participation in my trial should not be predicated on violating my religious life." Muth is awaiting trial in the August 2011 killing of journalist Viola Drath, a fellow expatriate who wrote often on German affairs and regularly hosted dignitaries for dinner in the row

home the couple shared in Washington's posh Georgetown neighborhood. Prosecutors say Muth strangled and beat Drath, who was found unresponsive in the bathroom, and then presented relatives with a forged letter stating that he was entitled to at least \$150,000 from her estate upon her death.

The couple had been married for more than 20 years. Muth has denied guilt, though the substance of the allegations has been overshadowed by ques-

tions over his physical and mental well-being and extravagant self-aggrandizement that prosecutors call pure fiction.

In his letter, Muth also repeated his oft-made assertions that he is a brigadier general in the Iraqi army and that his wife was killed in an Iranian hit job targeting him. He said he wants to call as a witness Gen. David Petraeus, the former CIA director, to substantiate his claims. Authorities say those contentions are all false. □



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US Financial Front: Americans cutting back on credit cards for 3rd month

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Americans cut back on using their credit cards in August for a third straight month, a sign that consumers remain cautious about spending.

Consumers increased their borrowing \$13.6 billion in August to a seasonally adjusted \$3.04 trillion, the Federal Reserve said Monday. That's a record and it followed a gain of \$10.4 billion in July.

Once again, the increase in borrowing was driven entirely by auto and student loans. A measure of those loans rose \$14.5 billion to \$2.19 trillion.

But credit card debt dropped \$883 million to roughly \$850 billion. The decline could hold back consumer spending, which accounts for roughly 70 percent of economic growth. The report highlighted trends that have surfaced in the post-recession economy.

The measure of auto and student loans has risen 8.2 percent from a year ago and in every month but one since May 2010. But credit card debt is essentially where it was a year ago. And it is 16.9 percent below its peak hit in July 2008 — seven months after the Great Recession began.

Slow but steady job growth and small wage gains have made many Americans more reluctant to charge goods and services. Consumers may also be hesitant to take on high-interest debt because they are paying higher Social Security taxes this year.

At the same time, the weak economy is persuading more people to attend col-

lege. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York quarterly report on consumer credit shows student loan debt has been the biggest driver of borrowing since the Great Recession officially ended in June 2009.

The Fed has just started separating out student loans from auto loans. But that data are two months behind the report. For June, the most recent month available, student loans totaled \$1.18 billion while auto loans totaled \$841 million. Those figures are not seasonally adjusted.

The economy grew at a modest 2.5 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter. Most economists expect growth slowed in the July-September quarter to an annual rate of about 2 percent or less, held back in part by weaker growth in consumer spending.

Analysts had thought that consumers would step up spending and help drive faster growth in the final three months of the year. But a partial government shutdown has now lasted a week and will leave hundreds of thousands of federal workers without paychecks. That is likely to further dampen consumer spending and hold back growth in the October-December quarter.

The consumer credit report is one of the few government reports issued since the shutdown began. The Fed kept operating because it does not depend on budget appropriations from Congress. The Fed's borrowing report tracks credit card debt, auto loans and student loans but not mortgages, home equity loans or other loans secured by real estate. □



Pedestrians with shopping bags cross a street in Philadelphia. The Federal Reserve released consumer credit data for August on Monday, Oct. 7, 2013. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)



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Divers find 'wall' of bodies in migrant ship

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LAMPEDUSA, Italy (AP) — Deep sea divers "unpacked a wall of people" from the hull of a smuggler's trawler on the sea floor near this Italian island on Monday, gingerly untangling the dead would-be migrants in the latest and most painstaking phase of a recovery operation following the ship's fiery capsizing. It was the first time the divers had been able to reach the hull, and authorities said 38 more bodies were recovered, raising the death toll from last Thursday's tragedy to 232. Scores more are believed missing; most, if not all, were Eritreans trying to reach Europe in search of asylum and a better life.

"They unpacked a wall of people," said Navy Capt. Paolo Trucco of the deep sea specialists. The bodies "were so entwined, one with the other, it is indescribable. They were so trapped they were difficult to pull out."

Deep sea divers in their weighted suits and sturdy port-holed helmets were able to spend up to 30 minutes at a time at the site of the wreck 47 meters (154 feet) below the surface — much more than a scuba diver's typical seven to 10 minutes at that depth.

This allowed them to remove debris that was still floating around inside narrow passage ways to reach the vessel's hull. "Mattresses, blankets, stairs. Anything that would float. Imagine if you put a house in a centrifuge and you see what winds up in the air. That is what happened," Trucco said.

Diver Marco Presti said the bodies were packed together when the ship capsized, and he and his colleagues had to pull each out by the arms. "One diver after the other, we passed them from one to the other, and placed them on the stern of the boat," he said.

Coast Guard Capt. Filippo Marini estimated it would take two more days to complete the search and recovery mission. □

Sarkozy cleared in campaign finance case

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy was cleared Monday of allegations that he illegally took donations from France's richest woman on the way to his 2007 election victory, his lawyer and an official said. The announcement fanned speculation of a political comeback for Sarkozy, who lost the presidency to Socialist Francois Hollande last year.

Citing a lack of evidence, two investigating magistrates dismissed claims that Sarkozy had taken advantage of the frail state of Liliane Bettencourt, the L'Oreal cosmetics heiress who is now 90, the official in the Bordeaux prosecutor's said. She spoke on condition of anonymity because she wasn't permitted to speak to the media.

"I am delighted about this decision, which I expected," Sarkozy's lawyer Thierry Herzog told reporters outside the former president's Paris office. After leaving a private meeting on Monday at the main Paris mosque, Sarkozy nodded to cameras but did not speak to journalists.

Ten other people — including Sarkozy's former budget minister, Eric Woerth — are still expected to face trial next year on charges in the case that include alleged fraud and money laundering.

A former Bettencourt accountant told police she handed over 150,000 euros (\$192,000) in cash that she was told would be passed to Woerth, who was Sarkozy's campaign treasurer for the 2007 presidential bid. That was well over the maximum allowed campaign contributions under French law. □

Egypt:

Attacks surge day after deadly clashes

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — A string of attacks killed nine members of Egypt's security and military forces and hit the country's main satellite communications station Monday, in an apparent retaliation by Islamic

the dishes — was in retaliation for the government crackdown on Sunday's protests.

"This is an attempt to prove they are still around and are not broken," he told The Associated Press, without specifying which groups are behind the at-

ber of the FJP, said authorities had already shut down offices of the party long before a court decision, telling Doha-based satellite broadcaster Al-Jazeera Mubasher Masr that the recommendation was "politicized." At least 2,000 of the group's leading and



Egyptian security forces inspect the site of a suicide car bombing on a security headquarters in the southern Sinai town of el-Tor, Egypt, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013. The explosion in el-Tor killed several policemen and wounded tens of others, signaling what could be the spread of attacks by Islamic militants, already active in northern Sinai.

(AP Photo/Mostafa Darwish)

militants a day after more than 50 supporters of the ousted president were killed in clashes with police. The attacks show a dangerous expansion of targets, including the first strike against civilian infrastructure in the heart of the capital. They also blur the lines between the country's political instability, continued protests against the military ouster of President Mohammed Morsi, and an insurgency that had been previously been largely confined to the northern Sinai Peninsula.

It is also likely to harden positions of the military-backed government and its opponents, making reconciliation more difficult.

"We are at war with them," said Mohammed Ibrahim, the country's interior minister in charge of security forces, pointing to militant groups. He suggested the surge in attacks, particularly the targeting of the satellite station — which left a minor damage on one of

tacks. "They also aim to confuse, to distract" security forces.

In another development Monday likely to give momentum to the government crackdown on Islamists, a panel of judges recommended the dissolution of the Muslim Brotherhood's political party, the Freedom and Justice Party, which was registered months after the 2011 ouster of autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

The judges' recommendation said the party represents an outlawed group. The recommendations will be delivered to a Cairo court reviewing a case demanding the party's dissolution on Oct. 19.

Another court had already ordered a ban on the Brotherhood's activities, and froze its assets, a decision currently reviewed by a government appointed committee amid legal challenges from group members.

Ashraf Badreddin, a mem-

mid-level members have been detained, and most of them will face trial on charges that range from murder and inciting violence to abuse of power and conspiring with foreign powers. Hundreds others died in a violent crackdown on protests and sit-ins held by Morsi supporters. Authorities are blaming pro-Morsi supporters of seeking to create chaos to discredit the new government. The government declared it is waging a war against terrorism.

Pro-Morsi supporters deny they resort to violence.

Ahmed Mostafa, a Brotherhood student leader, said there are plans to hold rallies at universities this week to denounce the killings and the military leaders, saying authorities are engaged in a campaign to pull his group and supporters toward violence, or armed confrontation. There are also calls for protest in Cairo's central Tahrir Square. □

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Syria troops reopen key Aleppo road

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian troops wrested control of a key road linking the government-held heartland with the embattled northern city of Aleppo, reopening the crucial supply route after heavy fighting with rebels, state media and activists said Monday. Government forces and opposition fighters have been locked in a bloody, block-by-block fight for Aleppo since rebels launched an assault on the city 15 months ago. The battle has been locked in a stalemate, with neither side willing to relent with control of Syria's largest city at stake. With much of the northern countryside now in opposition hands, a cat-and-mouse game has emerged over the past year as the rebels try to cut the government supply lines to the regime's remaining troops in the north, particularly in Aleppo. After the rebels cut the main north-south highway late last year, President Bashar Assad's regime built a desert road to bypass contested areas. Opposition fighters responded by severing the alternate route — a winding road that runs northeast from the city of Hama — in August. It was that desert road that regime troops reopened late Sunday, according to Syria's state news agency and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights activist group. "Control of that road was life or death for the future of the regime in Aleppo and for the citizens under the control of the regime," Observatory director Rami Abdul-Rahman said. □

Greece expects economy to grow, finally

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Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece expects its economy to grow next year — at last. In its draft budget presented Monday, the government forecast the economy would grow 0.6 percent in 2014, its first annual increase since 2007. This year it is predicted to shrink 4 percent, leaving the economy 25 percent smaller than when it first

of dodgy book-keeping. That scared international investors away from buying its government bonds, bringing the country to the brink of bankruptcy in early 2010. It was saved when other European countries and the International Monetary Fund stepped in with two massive bailouts. In exchange, Athens has had to make harsh spending cuts and tax increases to rein in the runaway deficits. Its economy has been

indications of Greece exiting the crisis." Such bold talk would have been unimaginable just over a year ago, when many analysts were expecting Greece to ditch the euro amid political uncertainty and foot-dragging on the reform agenda. Since then, its creditors have eased loan conditions and promised further assistance once Athens achieves a primary budget surplus — that is, makes

euros (\$13.5 billion) in 2014-15, although Athens argues that the gap can be filled. The draft budget Staikouras presented foresees a slight drop in unemployment, from 27 percent in 2013 to 26 percent next year. That is still not far from the 28 percent hit in June, which is the highest rate among the 17 countries that use the euro currency. Staikouras warned the government cannot afford to relax its five-year austerity drive, with further reforms and privatizations needed. Athens continues to face a crushing debt load, expected to reach 174.5 percent of its annual gross domestic output next year, down from 175.5 percent in 2013. Staikouras said long-term debt sustainability "remains an open issue," as Greece has committed to reduce its debt-to-GDP ratio to below 110 percent in 2022. He said a mixture of primary surpluses, further reforms and privatizations — combined with additional aid from creditors — would help ease the load. The deputy minister said the conservative-led government has been able to reduce the budget deficit to 2.4 percent of output this year, from 6 percent in 2012 and more than 15 percent three years ago. According to the draft budget, the deficit will remain at 2.4 percent in 2014. The primary surplus is forecast to rise from a modest 340 million euros this year to 2.8 billion in 2014. "These positive developments must add impetus to our efforts and not allow any relaxation, because Greece's chronic structural and fiscal problems ... have not been fully addressed," Staikouras said at a press conference. □



Greek lawmakers attend a blessing ceremony for the upcoming parliamentary season inside the parliament in Athens in Athens, on Monday, Oct. 7, 2013. Greece expects its economy to grow next year, the first annual improvement after six years of brutal contraction.

(AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

slid into recession in 2008 during the global financial crisis. The government even expects some jobs growth and a continued improvement in the state of the country's public finances. Deputy Finance Minister Christos Staikouras noted a rise in investment and exports. Greece's economy was hit by the global market turmoil in 2008. But its problems multiplied in late 2009, when it revealed that its public debt was far higher than expected as a result

put under strict supervision from the IMF, European Commission and European Central Bank, known collectively as the "troika." The austerity and accompanying economic reforms have hit living standards hard and contributed to huge increases in unemployment. The country is now seeing some rays of hope, though the recovery is expected to be slow. Staikouras said four years of hardship and sacrifices "are beginning to produce a result, creating the first in-

more than it spends before counting the cost of debt servicing. Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras, speaking on a late-night television news program, stressed that Greece was beating the targets it had set for reforming its economy. "It's the second consecutive year that we have results that are better than the targets," Stournaras said. Fears remain that the bailout program may fall short of Greece's financing needs by about 10 billion

Mexico: Officials blamed in monster truck crash

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CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico
(AP)** — Mexican government officials and event organizers on Monday blamed the driver of a monster truck for losing control and plowing into a crowd of spectators, killing eight and injuring dozens. Motor-sports experts pointed to the organizers, saying the setup of the state-sponsored show was blatantly deficient and life-threatening. Organizers of the "Extreme Aeroshow" said that hundreds of families had gathered without permission in what was supposed to be the pit area of the make-

shift arena in a park in the capital of the border state of Chihuahua. One organizer said the spectators weren't moved because "crowd management is very difficult." The pit area was unprotected by any barrier and sat feet from where the monster truck known as "Big Show" was crushing a pair of old cars, leaping into the air and rolling over their hoods and roofs. Video of the accident shows the truck coming down hard off the second car, bouncing, then speeding out of control into the crowd. It was the second disaster in less than a month to focus attention on Mexico's

patchy and loosely enforced system of consumer safety. Experts widely blamed much of the billions of dollars' worth of damage from Tropical Storm Manuel and Hurricane Ingrid, which killed 157 people and displaced thousands, on the government's failure to prevent home construction in floodplains and enforce building standards for highways and bridges. Chihuahua state Gov. Cesar Duarte and organizers of the weekend event tried to pin responsibility for the truck accident on the driver, saying he should only have driven in one direction over the cars, away from the pit area. □



Injured people are treated after an out of control monster truck plowed through a crowd of spectators at a weekend Mexican air show in the city of Chihuahua, Mexico. Government officials and event organizers on Monday blamed the driver of a monster truck for losing control and plowing into a crowd of spectators, killing eight and injuring dozens.

(AP Photo/El Diario de Chihuahua)

Quakes hit southern Mexico, no injuries

**JOSE RIVERA
Associated Press
ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)** — A series of earthquakes rattled southern and central Mexico late Sunday and early Monday, forcing the evacuation of dozens of villages that sit on hill-sides loosened by a deadly tropical storm last month. More than a dozen quakes centered along the coast of Guerrero state were reported ranging in strength from barely perceptible to 5.2, according to Mexico's seismological insti-

tute. Authorities reported no deaths or significant damage. State spokesman Victor Torres Ruiz said authorities were evacuating between 100 and 200 hamlets, most of less than 150 people, where the heavy rains of Tropical Storm Manuel left unstable slopes on surrounding hills. One of the strongest of the quakes set off seismic alarms in Mexico City and authorities warned people to stay away from elevators and windows. It had its epicenter near the hamlet

of La Pintada, where dozens died when a massive mudslide hit the center of town on Sept. 16. Mexico's National Seismology Institute said the first strong temblor was centered less than 3 miles south of the coastal town of Coyuca de Benitez. It had a preliminary magnitude of 5.21. The institute issued a preliminary magnitude of 4.96 after the second strong quake, centered 27 miles south of the community of Atoyac de Alvarez, near La Pintada. □

Argentina's president will undergo surgery on head

**MICHAEL WARREN
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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina
(AP)** — Argentina's president will undergo surgery Tuesday to remove blood between her brain and skull that has been causing new and worrying symptoms, her physicians said. The president's doctors said they had ordered President Cristina Fernandez on Saturday to rest for a month after discovering the subdural hematoma — a clot inside her skull pressuring her brain and causing headaches. In some patients, such blood clots reabsorb by themselves over time. But the situation became more urgent after Fernandez felt a weakness and numbness in her upper left arm Sunday evening, according to doctors at the Fundacion Favaloro, one of Argentina's top cardiology hospitals. "Facing these symptoms, the team decided on surgical intervention," the hospital's doctors said in a statement Monday. The surgery involves drilling small holes through the skull to remove old blood. In a three-paragraph statement released late Saturday that raised more questions than answers, her doctors attributed the injury to a still unexplained blow to her head she suffered Aug. 12. That would have been the day after a primary vote showed a significant drop in support for ruling party candidates, despite her intensive campaigning. As the 60-year-old leader returned to the hospital for pre-surgical exams Monday, Vice President Amado Boudou made no mention of the planned operation. He said in a speech that top officials would run the country as a team "while she gets the rest she deserves." "What Cristina wants is for us to maintain the administration, and to carry on this project that (her late husband and predecessor as president) Nestor Kirchner began and that Cristina



Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez speaks during a ceremony in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fernandez's government is moving into uncharted political territory as doctors ordered the Argentine president to take a month's rest upon finding blood on her brain from a head injury.

(AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

has continued," Boudou said.

What he didn't say, and no other official ventured to guess, was whether Fernandez would formally delegate her executive powers during the surgery, or while she recovered. Boudou is under investigation for alleged corruption and illegal enrichment and currently has one of the worst images among Argentine politicians.

By late Monday afternoon, there was no official announcement about a transfer of power even though some Argentine media reported that immediately after his speech, Boudou signed a document formally assuming control of the government. Questions left by The Associated Press with the president's spokesman, Alfredo Scoccimarro, were not immediately answered.

Even Sen. Anibal Fernandez, who often acts as a government spokesman, told the Telefe channel earlier Monday, "We don't have clear idea what will happen."

Argentina's constitution provides for, but does not require, a formal transfer of power in case of health problems, said Daniel Sabsay, a constitutional lawyer. □

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Italy:

Crew member testifies about Concordia chaos, maneuver



Witness Salvatore Ursino arrives at the converted Teatro Moderno theater for a hearing in the trial of Captain Francesco Schettino, in Grosseto, Italy, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013. The captain of the wrecked Costa Concordia is charged with manslaughter, causing the shipwreck and abandoning ship before the luxury cruise liner's 4,200 passengers and crew could be evacuated on Jan. 13, 2012 when the ship collided with a reef off the Tuscan island of Giglio, killing 32 people. (AP Photo/Giacomo Aprili)

FRANCESCO SPORTELLI wrecked Costa Concordia
 NICOLE WINFIELD testified Monday that the
 GROSSETO, Italy (AP) — A nautical charts aboard the
 crew member of the ship- doomed ship were perfect-

ly adequate to navigate the liner along its planned route, disputing claims by the captain on trial for the deaths of 32 people.

First Deck Officer Giovanni Iaccarino was the first witness called by the prosecution in the case against Capt. Francesco Schettino, who is accused of manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning the ship before everyone was off. He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Schettino is accused of taking the Concordia off its planned route on Jan. 13, 2012 and bringing it closer to the island of Giglio for so-called "tourist navigation" — a publicity-generating maneuver to give passengers a close-up view of the Tuscan island.

Schettino has said the navigational charts on board didn't show the "Scole"

reef off Giglio, which sliced a 70-meter (230-foot) gash in the ship's hull. After the grounding, the ship listed, drifted and eventually capsized off Giglio's port.

Iaccarino was asked by one of the lawyers representing civil parties to the case if the charts on board the ship were adequate.

"Yes, for a half-mile" away, he said. The reef was about a quarter-mile from shore.

A court-ordered analysis of the dynamics of the shipwreck made clear that the charts on board weren't adequate for the close-to-shore maneuver Schettino allegedly had ordered. It quoted one of the Concordia's navigation chiefs as expressing concern that the charts weren't detailed enough, even though he plotted the revised course anyway.

Iaccarino said he was in a crewmate's cabin using his

Playstation when the ship ran aground. He said he ran to the bridge to discover the electronic panels all registering alarms that the ship had lost propulsion, but was surprised at the level of "calm" on the bridge.

"We told the bridge that everything was out of service but it didn't seem that they realized the gravity of the situation," he said.

Passengers have described a delayed and frantic evacuation, and the court-ordered analysis — which used data and voice recorders — showed that Schettino failed to grasp for 45 minutes repeated reports from his crew that his ship was flooding and its motors had died.

The evacuation order wasn't issued for an hour after the initial grounding, too late for many of the lifeboats to be lowered. □

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Endangered crocodiles disappearing as dinner in Jamaica

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

CASCADE, Jamaica (AP)

— Crocodiles were once so abundant along the salty rim of southern Jamaica that images of their

worried that the reptiles might be wiped from the wild altogether, although they've been protected by law since 1971.

"I went from never hearing about anyone eating

experts believe the reptiles may be reaching a tipping point in economically struggling Jamaica. A recent newsletter from the Crocodile Specialist Group, a global network

riques, has set up a crocodile sanctuary and captive rearing program just outside a tiny northern mountain town called Cascade, far from the animals' southern habitat, as insurance against future loss. He also hopes to educate islanders who revile them or want to barbecue them.

His facility's fenced pens and ponds now hold about 45 gray-green crocs, including a nearly 11-footer (3.3 meters) nicknamed "Stumpy" because of a severed tail. Nearby, opening its big jaws to display sharp interlocking teeth, a nearly 8-foot (2.4 meter) female dubbed "Doris" basks in her new home. Last month, Henriques rescued her in southern St. Thomas parish after her mate was fatally shot in the head.

"It's very worrying that so many people just have no regard for the laws protecting these animals," said the wiry and tenacious Jamaican, speaking over a forest symphony of insects in his croc retreat, which has a sign warning the rare visitor that they enter at their own risk. According to Henriques, some poachers use baited shark hooks to bag crocs, mostly sub-adults measuring about 7 feet (2 meters) long. People in St. Thomas also reportedly dig up eggs after nesting females deposit them on beaches.

Croc meat appears to be a specialty high-end business in Jamaica, with wealthy private buyers willing to pay as much as \$35 per pound (about a half kilogram). Some of the meat stays in rural towns along the reptiles' brackish habitat, with secret crocodile-eating parties drawing men who insist it enhances sexual virility. "It's totally underground and people keep it very hush-hush," said Sharlene Rowe, a conservation officer with the Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation who has seen two carcasses with tails chopped off floating down the Salt River in southern Clarendon parish. The animals mostly live among tangled mangrove roots in places such as the Black River, which snakes through a marshland known as the Great Morass. Tour boat operators regularly take tourists along the river to gape at crocs accustomed to circling the boats, lured by the promise of chicken meat.

Compared to its fearsome cousins in Africa and Australia, the "American crocodile" species found in Jamaica is mostly reclusive, shying away from humans as best they can. But mature adults are very big reptiles and during breeding season they can be aggressive if they feel threatened. Three Jamaicans have been killed by crocs since the 1980s.

Reptile experts say it's far from clear why poaching is now on the rise. Some suggest the demand has grown due to a rising population of Chinese immigrants, who reportedly eat the reptiles. Others say cable TV food shows may be boosting a local demand for exotic meat. Nobody is getting punished for hunting crocodiles, which is adding to the activity's spread. Even in the best of times, wildlife enforcement in Jamaica ranges from lax to nonexistent, and state agencies are dogged by a lack of financing, with scarce resources to do the investigations needed to catch crocodile poachers. □



Crocodile enthusiast Lawrence Henriques pats the tail of a seven-foot female crocodile at a sanctuary and captive rearing program he founded in the mountain town of Cascade in northern Jamaica. He set up the facility as a domestic market for crocodile meat and even eggs as conservationists worried that the big reptiles, protected by law since 1971 and already endangered by the steady loss of their wetland habitat, might be wiped from the wild altogether.

(AP Photo/David McFadden)

toothy jaws and spiny armor crown the tropical island's coat of arms and are stenciled on the bumpers of military vehicles.

Now, the big reptiles are increasingly difficult to spot, and not just because they blend into swampy backgrounds. These days, a growing taste for crocodile meat and even eggs in Jamaica has conservationists

crocodile meat, much less crocodile eggs, to hearing about it all the time. There's just so much carnage going on," said Byron Wilson, a reptile specialist at Jamaica's University of the West Indies.

Crocs have steadily reclaimed their range in Florida, their only U.S. habitat, after rebounding from the edge of extinction. But

involved in croc conservation, said the situation appears dire on the island as the impact of habitat loss deepens with a "new demand for crocodile meat, both for personal consumption and for local market distribution."

The poaching problem has gotten so bad in Jamaica that a passionate reptile enthusiast, Lawrence Hen-

Brazil demands Canada explain spying allegations

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Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP)

— Brazil on Monday demanded clarifications from the Canadian government about allegations that its spies targeted Brazil's Mines and Energy Ministry, in what Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff said appears to be an act of industrial espionage. Foreign Minister Luiz Alberto Figueiredo summoned the Canadian ambassador in the capital, Brasilia, to "transmit the indignation of the Brazilian government and demand explanations," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement that followed the revelations, aired Sunday night on Bra-

zil's Globo network.

The report said the metadata of phone calls and emails from and to the ministry were targeted by Canada's Communications Security Establishment to map the ministry's communications.

It didn't indicate if emails were read or phone calls listened to.

The report was based on documents leaked by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden and was the latest showing that Latin America's biggest nation has been a target for United States, British and now Canadian spy agencies.

During Monday's meeting,

Figueiredo expressed "the government's repudiation of this serious and unacceptable violation of national sovereignty and the rights of people and companies," the Foreign Ministry statement said.

A spokeswoman for Canada's Communications Security Establishment said the "CSE does not comment on foreign intelligence gathering activities." A spokeswoman for the Canadian Defense Department also declined comment.

Ray Boisvert, a former high-ranking member of Canada's spy service and the deputy director of the Canadian Security Intel-

ligence Service until last year, said he thinks the documents might have been a case of Canada using Brazil as part of a pretend war game scenario and not actual espionage. He added that he didn't think there was industrial spying going on because "we're all too busy chasing things that could kill people, frankly."

Boisvert said from the reports there's no indication that it's about real targeting.

"It's a hypothetical thing, like 'Could we do something?' Quite often it's an exercise and they'll use any country just to test the theories," he said. □



Blue Residences announces its General Manager: Industry veteran Jan van Nes will oversee new luxury condo hotel



ORANJESTAD - Alberto Perret Gentil, on behalf of Grupo Pering, developers of the successful Oceania Condominium Project on Eagle Beach, announced the appointment of Jan van Nes as general manager of Blue Residences. Van Nes, an industry veteran, who has played a leading role within tourism during his tenure with the Aruba Tourism Authority and the Aruba Timeshare Association, as well as while heading individual resort properties, will formally assume his new post as Blue Residences general manager as of November 1, 2013.

"We feel very lucky we were able to contract Jan as Blue Residences' general manager. His track record in hospitality and experience in tourism, coupled with the reputation he gained in transforming the Playa Linda Beach Resort into one of the finest timeshare resorts on the island, made him the ideal candidate," comments PGM Vice President Alberto Perret-Gentil. "Jan's hands-on approach and ability to

deliver a quality product to owners will ensure the successful launch of Blue Residences as the first condo hotel in Aruba."

For the past thirteen years, Jan van Nes was known as the innovative general manager of the Playa Linda Beach Resort, through Jan & Co Management Co. N.V., together with partner Jan Leysner. Previously, Jan van Nes held positions as the director of the Aruba Tourism Authority (5 years), board member at Aruba Beach Club and Casa del Mar (4 years) and general manager at the Aruba Beach Club and Casa del Mar (5 years). With Holiday Inn International, he worked as the executive assistant manager in Costa Rica (1½ years), F&B director in Acapulco, Mexico (3 years) and F&B manager in Lagos, Nigeria (1½ years), before coming back to Aruba and working with the Holiday Inn of Aruba in 1976. Van Nes holds degrees in hospitality from the Hotels School in Maastricht, and in law from the University of Aruba.

Jan van Nes was also instru-

mental in cofounding the Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation, reviving the Aruba Timeshare Association and, together with the Minister of Tourism, formalizing the Tourism Product Enhancement Fund (TPEF)

in 2010.

"After dedicating 13-plus years to the Playa Linda, I was ready for a new challenge. Blue Residences represents a unique opportunity to implement ideas I have had in mind for many years," says Jan van Nes. "I have found ideal partners in Alberto and Irwin Perret-Gentil. I appreciate their commitment in offering an outstanding product to the existing room's inventory on the island."

Blue Residences is currently under development, with the debut of its first tower -- consisting of 2 five-bedroom penthouses, 4 three-bedroom penthouses and 12 three-bedroom units and 24 two-bedroom units, totaling 42 units -- scheduled to open in February, 2014. A second tower is scheduled for completion in May of 2014, while the third tower will open in March of 2015, for a grand

total of 120 units. Blue Residences will also feature two large swimming pools, a luxury Spa, an upscale restaurant, a mini-market/deli, and a rental car agency. Concierge services will be provided according to Preferred Hotels standards, to which Blue Residences is affiliated. Seventy percent of the inventory of the three towers of Blue Residences has already been sold.

Condo hotels consist of units that are sold to individual investors who may use of their unit as a vacation home whenever they like. When owners are not using their unit, they have the option of placing it into an organized rental program managed by the hotel operator. More information on Blue Residences, located between the Divi Phoenix and Amsterdam Manor, can be found at www.bluearuba.com. □

First Donkey Calendar 2014 is for Rico Rijk

ORANJESTAD - As is our tradition on World Animal Day, the first Donkey Calendar 2014 is officially handed over to a local celebrity and fan of the Donkey Sanctuary. This year Rico Rijk, DJ of Radio Cool FM, was chosen for this honor. During a live broadcast he and his charming co-presenter Angela Tiemens received the first calendars.

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Earlier on the same morning the calendar was presented on television on TeleAruba; 'Miss Donkey



Sanctuary' Desiree Elderling presented it later in the morning during Rico Rijk's radio show at Cool FM. Desiree was in the company of photographer Luc Peek and graphic designer Saskia Aanhanne who have been instrumental for the

production of this calendar.

The Donkey Calendar 2014 is already for sale at the Donkey Sanctuary, at En Vogue Coiffures, Pia di Oro, Home & Nature and Contreras Veterinary Services. □

Artist Wendy op de Weegh is Caribbean Queen for October 2013!

PALM BEACH - For the month of October 2013, local artist Wendy op de Weegh earned the title Caribbean Queen, showing off her beautiful and bold blown-glass jewelry in the Caribbean Queen store at the Palm Beach Plaza Mall.

Wendy was born in the Netherlands and moved to Aruba 16 years ago. For as long as she can remember, she has been making beautiful things, working mostly with fabric: quilting, sewing, and creating stuffed animals, more often than not cute teddy bears. A few years ago her artistic perception changed when she saw an ad in the

local newspaper promoting a glass-beadmaking workshop. It was the point of no return, she confesses, as she got hooked on beads at a workshop given at Stichting Terrafuse under the guidance of former Caribbean Queen, local artist Marian Abath.

"I make my beads with the lampworking technique," Wendy explains. "Behind my torch I turn glass rods into glass beads. The movement of melted glass fascinates me," she says, "and the addition of all the different colors makes lampworking so much fun!" Wendy names the color of the sky as her inspiration, as well as the colors of



the ocean, tropical birds, and flowers. "I am inspired by Carnival costumes," she states, "and all sorts of fashion items, such as multi-colored bathing suits and sarongs."

While she tries to spend as much time as possible behind her torch, studying at the University of Aruba for a master's degree in Aruban law makes it challenging, but not impossible.

Wendy is proudly showing her creations off at Caribbean Queen during the entire month of October. Visit the lovely store at the Palm Beach Plaza Mall, every day from 10 am to 10pm.



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PALM BEACH, ARUBA (October 4, 2013) - Recently the Marriott Aruba Care Foundation donated 15,000 florin in basic household needs such as toilet paper, soap, detergent and food items to Fundacion pa nos Comunidad (FPNC). On a monthly basis FPNC provides food and basic needs to hundreds of families in Aruba. In the month of August 2013 FPNC was running short of helping 220 families due to insufficient resources. As a part of Marriott's "Spirit to Serve our local communities", the Marriott Aruba Care Foundation purchased goods worth of 15,000 florin to support the foundation.

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Beauty On The Beach

Megan Janer

She is from Michigan. Her first time in Aruba, she is on her honeymoon, staying at Marriott Ocean Club. She loves the Aruban Beach and local food.

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New Aruban coin released

ORANJESTAD - Officially the Central Bank of Aruba released the new five florins coin in order to celebrate the new King of Holland. One side of the gold colored coin shows profile of both the new King and the former Queen with an Aruban Flag while on the other side you will see the year of issue and the 5 florins sign. The coins are for sale at all local banks for five florins. Last April Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands handed the throne, after 33 years, to her son Prince Willem-Alexander.

Willem-Alexander has now become the country's first king since 1890. King Willem-Alexander has become not only the monarch of the Netherlands but also the Dutch Caribbean territories of Curacao, Aruba and Saint Maarten. Huge crowds of orange-clad partygoers are in Amsterdam to pay tribute to

the popular queen, who has maintained a recent Dutch tradition in handing over to a new generation. She formally relinquished the throne at a short ceremony in the Royal Palace, signing a statement which read: "I declare that I hereby step down from the monarchy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, that the monarchy from this moment on is transferred to my eldest son and heir Willem-Alexander, Prince of Orange, in accordance with the statutes and the constitution of the Kingdom of the Netherlands."

There were huge cheers from the crowds outside, watching on giant screens in Dam Square, as she and the prince and his wife Maxima - a 41-year-old Argentine-born investment banker - signed the deed. The visibly emotional queen, who will now be known as Princess Beatrix,

told the crowds: "I am happy and grateful to introduce to you your new king, Willem-Alexander."

King Willem-Alexander thanked mother for "33 moving and interesting years", saying he and the public and people in Dutch overseas territories were "intensely grateful" to her. The three then held hands on the balcony as the national anthem was played, before the new king and queen's three young daughters were brought out to wave at the crowds. Their eldest daughter, nine-year-old Catharina-Amalia, has become Princess of Orange and is now first in line to the throne.

"The Dutch royal house is quite unique and perhaps the most modern and appropriate to the 21st Century. It is a monarchy where traditions carry great weight yet it manages to be a family very close to



the people"

Willem-Alexander has said he wants to "be a king that can bring society together, representative and encouraging in the 21st Century". He has said he does not expect to be called "his

majesty," saying instead people can "address me as they wish".

Queen Beatrix is the sixth monarch from the House of Orange-Nassau, which has ruled the Netherlands since the early 19th Century. □

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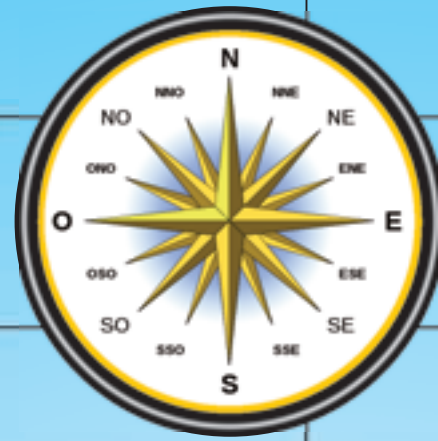
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Wacha, Cardinals edge Pirates 2-1 to knot NLDS

By **WILL GRAVES**
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) -- Michael Wacha heard the chants. Then again, when 40,000 people clad in black scream your name relentlessly for the better part of three hours, it's kind of hard to miss. The goal was to rattle the St. Louis rookie, remind him that 22-year-old pitchers aren't built to withstand the pressure of an elimination game.

One problem. Wacha doesn't really do rattled. He doesn't do pressure, either. The louder PNC Park grew, the more unhittable Wacha became.

"I kind of like it," Wacha said. "It kind of gives me adrenaline. I kind of use it in my favor." And the Pittsburgh Pirates - not to mention anyone else he might face in the postseason - "kind of" need to get used to it. Wacha took a no-hit bid into the eighth inning and the Cardinals showed off their October poise, edging the Pirates 2-1 Monday to force a winner-take-all Game 5 in the NL division series. St. Louis is 7-1 over the last three years with its season on the line.

"I think you take high talent and high character people that are motivated and support each other, and they don't give up," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. "That's a tough combination."

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St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Michael Wacha reacts after striking out Pittsburgh Pirates' Starling Marte to end the sixth inning in Game 4 of the National League baseball division series, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013, in Pittsburgh. The Cardinals won 2-1 to even the best-of-five series.



Gonzalez catches pass in 200th straight game

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta Falcons tight end Tony Gonzalez (88) makes a touch-down catch against New England Patriots defensive back Logan Ryan (26) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013, in Atlanta. Associated Press

Falcons tight end Tony Gonzalez has become only the second player in NFL history to catch a pass in 200 consecutive games. Gonzalez reached the milestone with a 6-yard reception on the fourth play of the Falcons' game

against the New York Jets on Monday.

The 37-year-old Gonzalez joins Jerry Rice as the only players to reach the 200-game milestone. The San Francisco 49ers great holds the record with a catch in 274 consecutive games. □

Pacers, Rockets in Philippines for 1st NBA game

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— The Houston Rockets and the Indiana Pacers are in the Philippines to treat overseas fans to the first NBA game in this basketball-crazy Southeast Asian nation.

Both teams flew in early Monday ahead of the NBA's preseason Global Games in the Philippines on Thursday evening.

Basketball is the country's most popular sport and the NBA game has created a buzz on social media and radio and TV, with tickets going on sale months in advance.

"We're just excited to come over to play the game and give Filipinos a great show," Houston Rockets guard James Harden said.

The Rockets squad for the games in the Philippines and Taiwan includes Jeremy Lin, the league's first American-born player of Taiwanese descent. The Indiana Pacers roster fea-

tures Danny Granger and NBA All-Stars Paul George, Roy Hibbert, and David West.

Organizers said the game is part of the NBA's comprehensive global schedule that will have eight teams play in eight cities in six countries this October. After Manila, the Rockets and Pacers play in Taipei on Sunday.

In the Global Games series, there'll be 12 teams playing outside the U.S. and Canada, the most ever, and the league will play regular-season games in two countries beyond those for the first time.

There are stops in old standbys and first-time trips to cities in Brazil and Spain that will be hosting major international competitions in the next few years.

The Philippines tops the list of countries following the NBA on Facebook and Twitter outside the United States, the organizers



The Houston Rockets' Jeremy Lin waves to Filipino fans upon arrival Monday Oct. 7, 2013 at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport at suburban Pasay city south of Manila, Philippines.

Associated Press

said. Additionally, the NBA conducts each year local events in the Philippines, including the Jr. NBA program, which has reached more than 60,000 students, parents and coaches over

the past five years, and NBA 3X, the league's global fan event.

A total of 16,000 tickets went on sale for Thursday's game at the seaside Mall of Asia Arena, with

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Winless Flyers fire Laviolette; Berube takes over

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After a winless start, the Philadelphia Flyers fired coach Peter Laviolette on Monday, three seasons after he led them to the Stanley Cup finals.

Assistant Craig Berube, in his seventh season coaching within the organization, was promoted to replace Laviolette. He is the 18th coach in the club's history.

Chairman Ed Snider had grave concerns about the team by the end of the preseason, and only needed three games to make a move. "I thought our training camp, quite frankly, was one of the worst training camps I've ever seen," Snider said. "I'm not talking about wins or losses. There was nothing exciting. Nobody shined. Nobody looked good. I couldn't point to one thing that I thought was a positive."

"Unfortunately, my worries were realized."

Laviolette just couldn't overcome a punchless offense, a pair of journeymen in goal and a patchwork defense to jolt the Flyers out of their trouble and keep his job. He dealt with rumors of his firing last season, a year in which the Flyers missed the playoffs after the lockout shortened the



Craig Berube, left, newly-hired Philadelphia Flyers head coach, speaks during an NHL hockey news conference with general manager Paul Holmgren, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013, in Philadelphia. The Flyers fired coach Peter Laviolette after an 0-3 start and hired Berube.

Associated Press

campaign. It was the only season in which he failed to make the postseason in Philadelphia. Flyers general manager Paul Holmgren tried to mold a playoff roster in the offseason, signing forward Vinny Lecavalier, defenseman Mark Streit and goaltender Ray Emery. He also jettisoned overpriced and underperforming veterans, like goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov and forward Danny

Briere.

Holmgren liked his transactions. He just didn't like how Laviolette was putting the pieces together. "I think some of the additions that we made this summer were good additions," Holmgren said. "I think there was some excitement about our team going into training camp. Right from Day 1 of training camp, I was concerned."

"But it was more about how we played, and it was unacceptable. We don't look like a team at all."

Laviolette had been signed through 2014-15. He's just the second coach in Flyers history to coach parts of five seasons.

He was hired early in the 2009 season after John Stevens was fired, and led the Flyers on an improbable run to the 2010 Stanley Cup finals, where they lost to Chicago in six games.

Laviolette won the Stanley Cup coaching Carolina in 2006, and previously coached the New York Islanders. He's still set to serve as an assistant under Pittsburgh's Dan Bylsma for the United States in the 2014 Olympics in Sochi.

Berube had 20 goals and 54 points over parts of seven seasons with the Flyers. He played for four other teams over a 17-year career and his 3,149 penalty minutes are seventh in NHL history. Berube will make his debut Tuesday, when the Flyers play host to Florida. "Just because I've been in the organization a long time doesn't mean I'm going to do the same thing other coaches did," he said. "I'm not them. I have my own thoughts. I have my own way of how I want to coach." □

NHL Roundup

Perry scores winner as Ducks outlast Jets 3-2

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Corey Perry took advantage of a defensive mistake to score a third-period winner in the Anaheim Ducks' 3-2 victory over the Jets on Sunday night, when Teemu Selanne got a standing ovation in what could be his last visit to Winnipeg.

Selanne, who is retiring after this season, began his NHL career with Winnipeg in 1992-93 by setting rookie records of 76 goals and 132 points. The Ducks won't return to Winnipeg unless the teams meet in the playoffs.

"Some ways, you felt that I was on the home team," Selanne said with a laugh.

After playing 231 games in a Jets' uniform, Selanne was traded to Anaheim in February 1996 and didn't get to move with the Jets when they relocated.

"I feel like even when I left, they have always been there after, too, so it's a good feeling," he said.

Viktor Fasth made 15 saves for Anaheim, which also got goals from Mathieu Perreault and Andrew Cogliano.

Andrew Ladd had a pair of goals for Winnipeg, Blake Wheeler assisted on both in his 375th NHL game and Ondrej Pavelec stopped 31 shots.

Vancouver 5, Calgary 4

At Calgary, Mike Santorelli scored his second goal at 3:17 in overtime to lead Vancouver to a comeback win.

The Canucks scored three straight goals in the third period to lead 4-3, but with Flames goaltender Joey MacDonald on the bench for a sixth attacker David Jones sent the game into extra time with 19 seconds remaining in regulation. Dale Weise, Jannik Hansen and Santorelli scored in the third after the Canucks fell behind 3-1 early in the period.

Canucks backup goaltender Ed-



In this Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013 photo, Philadelphia Flyers coach Peter Laviolette looks at the scoreboard during the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Carolina Hurricanes in Raleigh, N.C.

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die Lack made 32 saves in his first regular-season NHL game and David Booth scored for Vancouver in the first period.

Mikael Backlund, Sean Monahan and Calgary captain Mark Giordano also scored for the Flames and Joey MacDonald stopped 23 shots.

Carolina 2, Philadelphia 1

At Raleigh, Radek Dvorak scored

the winner in the second period. Jay Harrison also scored, Jeff Skinner added two assists and Anton Khudobin made 17 saves in his Hurricanes' debut. Luke Schenn scored for the Flyers, who have opened the season with three losses for the second year in a row. Before last year, Philadelphia had lost its first three games only one other time in club history. □

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WNBA Finals

Moore leads Lynx past Dream 84-59 in Game 1

DAVE CAMPBELL
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A disappointing experience last year showed the Minnesota Lynx the danger of a loss at home to open the WNBA Finals. This time, the Lynx left no doubt about who is in early control of the series with an 84-59 victory over the Atlanta Dream in Game 1 on Sunday night. Maya Moore had 23 points, including three 3-pointers in the first quarter to fuel a strong start. "I think we're setting ourselves up for success," said Monica Wright, who contributed 20 points off the bench and teamed with Rebekkah Brunson to fluster league scoring leader Angel McCoughtry into 6-for-24 shooting for 17 points plus five turnovers. Moore shot 10 for 16 from the floor and grabbed seven rebounds, and Seimone Augustus scored 19 points. The Lynx led the entire game and stymied the

Dream into 0-for-15 shooting from 3-point range. "People will doubt us already, but that's OK. We'll be back for a dogfight on Tuesday," McCoughtry said. "Everybody has cold days. This is a cold day." Aneika Henry added 14 points, but Jasmine Thomas shot 3-for-15 from the floor. The Dream fell to 0-7 in the finals since 2010. They were swept by Seattle in 2010 and the Lynx in 2011. Game 2 is in Minnesota again on Tuesday night, with the best-of-five matchup shifting to Georgia for Game 3. Their four-game loss to Indiana in the finals last season not forgotten, the Lynx have played with even more of an edge this season, welcoming the tenacity, strength and slick passing ability of center Janel McCarville. The Lynx went on a 15-0 run in the second quarter to pull away, with five players scoring dur-



Atlanta Dream guard Jasmine Thomas (5) pushes up to the basket against Minnesota Lynx guard Lindsay Whalen (13) during Game 1 of the WNBA basketball Finals, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, in Minneapolis. Associated Press

ing the spurt. McCoughtry started the third quarter by clanking a 3-pointer off the rim. Then she had a fast-break layup stolen by Whalen on the next possession, her complaint to the officials for a foul call

ignored. A little later in that period, McCarville leveled McCoughtry with a jarring screen. Then she peeled off, caught a pass and swished a jump shot for a 48-31 lead. The players ran by as McCoughtry sat on

the court, still dazed from the collision. Then right before the buzzer at the end of the quarter, Augustus hit a 3-pointer to push the advantage to 68-43. She pivoted and pumped her fist in celebration. □

Isner rallies to beat Giraldo in Shanghai

JUSTIN BERGMAN
Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — John Isner served 29 aces and rallied to beat Colombian qualifier Santiago Giraldo 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 on Monday in the first round of the Shanghai Masters. The 14th-seeded American fought off three break points at 5-5 in the third set, then broke Giraldo for the second time to close out the match. "I started off a little slow in the first set," Isner said. "I told myself the only thing I could do was keep fighting. I felt like I

was serving well, so just try to hold serve as best as I could. That's what I did." Isner could meet Rafael Nadal in the third round. Nadal, seeded second in Shanghai, supplanted Novak Djokovic as the top-ranked player on Monday, despite losing to the Serb in the final of the China Open in Beijing a day earlier. Djokovic is the defending champion and seeded No. 1 in Shanghai. He could meet Roger Federer in the quarterfinals. Djokovic, Nadal and Federer all have first-round

byes and aren't scheduled to play their opening matches until Wednesday. Two-time champion Andy Murray is not playing in Shanghai this year after undergoing back surgery last month. Isner's match was one of only a few that could be completed because of heavy winds and rain from the remnants of Typhoon Fitow, which made landfall in southern China and blew through Shanghai on Monday. Isner played under the roof in the main stadium. In the only other singles matches



John Isner of the United States looks at the ball as he returned against Santiago Giraldo of Colombia at the first round of the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center, in Shanghai, China, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013.

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completed, 11th-seeded Tommy Haas beat American Sam Querrey 6-4, 6-4 without facing a break point, France's Gael Monfils defeated Japanese qualifier Tatsuma Ito 6-3, 6-2 and Spain's Marcel

Granollers ousted Serbia's Janko Tipsarevic 6-4, 6-4. In doubles, Federer teamed with China's Zhang Ze to beat Kevin Anderson of South Africa and Dmitry Tursunov of Russia 6-2, 6-1 in a first-round match. □

A-Rod's lawsuit against MLB moved to federal court

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez's lawsuit claiming Major League Baseball and Commissioner Bud Selig went on a "witch hunt" to force him from the sport has been moved from state to federal court. Major League Baseball filed a notice of removal Monday, saying claims by the New York Yankees third baseman are governed by federal law.

The lawsuit, originally filed Thursday in New York Supreme Court in Manhattan, was assigned to U.S. District Judge Lorna G. Schofield, who joined the bench in December, and U.S. Magistrate Judge Kevin N. Fox.

Rodriguez's legal team could file a motion asking that the case be returned to state court. One of his



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez arrives at the offices of Major League Baseball, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013 in New York. The grievance to overturn Rodriguez's 211-game suspension began Monday before arbitrator Fredric Horowitz.

Associated Press

lawyers, Joseph Tacopina, said in a statement that the league "knows that these state law claims properly belong where they were filed, in the New York state court."

The legal action comes

during a grievance by the Major League Baseball Players Association to overturn a 211-game suspension given to Rodriguez by MLB on Aug. 5 for alleged violations of baseball's drug agreement

and labor contract.

A hearing began last week before arbitrator Fredric Horowitz. After a week of sessions, three additional days are scheduled starting Oct. 15, and more days may be needed.

A decision is unlikely before winter. In his lawsuit, Rodriguez claimed MLB and Selig tried to smear the three-time AL MVP and cost him tens of millions of dollars in an attempt to cover up Selig's alleged past inaction on performance-enhancing drugs. The lawsuit claimed Selig hoped to redeem himself by going after Rodriguez.

MLB responded by calling Rodriguez's actions "desperate" and a violation of the confidentiality provisions of the league and

union's Joint Drug Agreement.

On Friday, Rodriguez sued the Yankees team physician and a New York hospital in New York Supreme Court in the Bronx, claiming they mishandled his medical care during the 2012 American League playoffs by letting him play after failing to inform him that a test revealed an injury to his left hip joint.

The lawsuit said Rodriguez then further injured himself, forcing him to suffer hospitalization, disability and emotional distress.

During the 2012 postseason, Rodriguez had three hits from 25 at bats with no RBIs before undergoing left hip surgery in January that prevented him from rejoining the Yankees until August. □

NLDS

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One the Pirates are still trying to master. Pedro Alvarez hit his third home run of the series, connecting with one out in the eighth for Pittsburgh's only hit in Game 4. It wasn't enough for the Pirates to advance to the NL championship series for the first time in 21 years.

"I guess that's why we play five," star center fielder Andrew McCutchen said. "We'll be ready for the fifth one."

The Pirates weren't quite ready for the fourth one, not with the way Wacha was dealing. He walked two and struck out nine before giving way to the bullpen in the eighth.

Matt Holliday's two-run homer off Charlie Morton in the sixth was all the offense required on a day the Cardinals tossed the first one-hitter in the club's lengthy postseason history. Trevor Rosenthal worked around a two-out walk in the ninth, retiring McCutchen on a popup to shallow center field for his first postseason save.

"It was a good pitch for him," McCutchen said. "I wish it got a little more of the barrel. It would have been a great story."

Instead, a taut series will head back to Busch Stadium.

Game 5 will be Wednesday, with ace Adam Wainwright starting for the NL Central champion Cardinals and rookie Gerrit Cole going for the wild-card Pirates. Both pitchers won last week in the NLDS.

The Cardinals finished with only three hits, and that was enough. Holliday got two of them, including his homer in the sixth after Morton walked big-hitting Carlos Beltran to start the inning.

"You could go back and look at pitches over and over again and second guess yourself," Morton said. "I don't know where that pitch was. It was outer third somewhere, thigh-down and he went out and got it, he's strong."

So was the 6-foot-6 kid on the one, the one barely a year removed from a standout college career at Texas A&M. Wacha didn't permit a runner until walking Russell Martin leading off the sixth.

Wacha nearly no-hit the Washington Nationals in his last start on Sept. 24, surrendering only an infield single by Ryan Zimmerman with two outs in the ninth.

Working so quickly the Pirates never had time to get settled, he breezed through Pittsburgh's re-



St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Holliday (7) hits a two-run home run in front of Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Russell Martin in the sixth inning of Game 4 of a National League baseball division series, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013, in, Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

vamped lineup like he was in extended spring training. Mixing his fastball and changeup masterfully, Wacha overwhelmed the Pirates from the moment he stepped onto the mound. Alvarez got the fans at PNC Park roaring with his homer, and Wacha followed by walking Martin on four pitches. Carlos Martinez relieved and Gold Glove catcher Yadier Molina made a key play, throwing out pinch-runner Josh Harrison after a botched hit-and-run attempt.

Martinez struck out Jose

Tabata to end the eighth, and Rosenthal took over to begin the ninth. Neil Walker drew a two-out walk before McCutchen made the final out.

"That's what it's all about," Rosenthal said. "That's what you dream of, you dream of two outs in the bottom of the ninth, you know ... bases loaded, the best hitter up, and getting out of that spot."

One the Cardinals rarely found themselves in on a day Wacha showed he's just a big part of his team's present as he is its

megawatt future.

McCutchen came into the game hitting .538 in the postseason but looked at a 97 mph fastball for strike three in the first. Marlon Byrd, Pittsburgh's most consistent player since being acquired from the Mets in late August, watched a full-count heater in the second that sent him walking back to the dugout in disbelief. It was a look repeated time and again by Byrd and the rest of his baffled teammates. Wacha struck out five of the first seven batters. □

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NEW YORK (AP) — Americans don't just watch TV anymore; they talk about it on Twitter. From the comfort of couches, they share reactions to touchdowns and nail-biting season finales — and advertisers and networks are taking note. Examples of Twitter's influence abound. The recent finale of "Breaking Bad" generated a record 1.24 million tweets. The conversation peaked at 22,373 tweets per minute according to analytics firm SocialGuide. People used the hashtag "GoodbyeBreakingBad" nearly 500,000 times. During this year's Super Bowl, sports fans generated 24 million tweets about the competition and nearly half of the game's nationally televised commercials contained hashtags that encouraged viewers to tweet.

Twitter, says Debra Aho Williamson, an analyst at research firm eMarketer, "creates a community, a bond between people that doesn't really exist without Twitter." As Twitter prepares for its initial public offering, the San Francisco-based company is also working hard to insert itself into the TV advertising economy. In recent months, the social networking company has forged partnerships with television content owners such as CBS, MTV and the NFL through a program it calls Amplify. The platform lets content owners beam real-time video clips to Twitter users who may have seen — or could be interested in — their TV programming. It also allows marketers to communicate with viewers who saw their TV ads, extending commercial pitches to consumers' smartphones and tablets. TV tie-ins allow Twitter to diversify its revenue stream beyond the relatively small niche of digital advertising campaigns, a move that should appeal to potential investors. On Thursday, Twitter unsealed documents for a Wall Street debut that could take place before Thanksgiving. While the company did not reveal how much money it makes from its TV partnerships, it touted its own "strength as a second screen for television programming." Twitter wrote in its S-1 filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that "45% of television ads shown during the Super Bowl used a hashtag to invite viewers to engage in conversation about those television ads on Twitter."

Twitter's public nature makes it an especially attractive platform for tracking live-TV conversations. So much so that Nielsen recently be-



In this Feb. 2, 2013, file photo, a smartphone display shows the Twitter logo in Berlin, Germany.

Associated Press

gan using Twitter's data to measure online social activity around TV programming, starting with this fall's TV season.

Nielsen will release its first "Nielsen Twitter TV Ratings" report on Monday. The study measures TV-related conversations on the social network. Nielsen found that in the second quarter of this year, 19 million people wrote 263 million tweets about live TV events, up 38 percent from a year earlier.

Some 19 million people tweet about TV shows, a 24 percent increase from last year. The audience measurement firm also found that many people read tweets about TV shows while they watch them — even if they don't post anything themselves. As a result, Nielsen says the Twitter TV audience for an average episode is 50 times larger than the number of people who are Tweeting about a show. Separately, Nielsen found that the "Breaking Bad" finale was by far the most tweeted-about program last week.

On Sunday, the NFL showed just how Twitter-enabled promotions work. Minutes after Cincinnati cornerback Adam Jones intercepted New England's Tom Brady, ending the quarterback's streak of 52 games with a touchdown pass, the NFL posted a video clip on Twitter. The clip shows Jones bobbling, and then snagging the ball before it hits the ground.

The 32-second clip was prefaced by an 8-second video ad for a Verizon Droid mobile phone. "Adam

Jones ends the Pats undefeated season, Brady's TD streak AND a rainstorm. With 1 INT," the league tweeted.

By inserting itself into the online buzz, the NFL was able to remind people the game was going on live at its NFL Network channel. Meanwhile, it earned new revenue from Verizon, a longtime sponsor that wanted to showcase its NFL Mobile app.

The NFL has more than 5.1 million followers on Twitter. But its new partnership with Twitter means the tweet also went out to millions of other users who might be interested.

Hans Schroeder, the NFL's senior vice president of media strategy and development, says he expects promoted tweets will eventually reach tens of millions of fans, multiplying its reach.

"We think it'll drive tune-in to our games and drive more people into the experience through NFL Mobile," Schroeder says.

As part of the deal, Twitter shares some of the revenue from Verizon's advertising spend when the phone company pays for "promoted tweets." Previously, the money might have gone only to the league itself.

Twitter's projected 2013 revenue is about \$582 million, according to research firm eMarketer. At the moment, the company generates tens of millions of dollars of revenue from all of its TV deals, including those with ESPN, Turner networks, CBS and others, accord-

ing to Brian Wieser, an analyst with Pivotal Research Group.

That's not huge. However, says Wieser: "This year, it's about getting the foot in the door."

Wedbush Securities analyst Michael Pachter estimates that Twitter gets just a small fraction of its revenue from the TV deals — around 1 percent. But by next year, the deals could amount to 5 percent, and 15 percent the year after, he says. Twitter isn't alone in its quest to befriend TV content companies. Facebook, too, is recognizing the value of live TV chatter. Because of its sheer size — nearly 1.2 billion users versus Twitter's 218 million — Facebook has more conversations than any other social network. During the "Breaking Bad" finale, more than 3 million people generated 5.5 million "interactions," that is, status updates, comments or "likes."

For now, Facebook's TV partnerships are not intended to generate revenue, the company says. Rather, they are "focused on helping people discover great content," says Justin Osofsky, Facebook's vice president of media partnerships.

Over the past few months, Facebook has rolled out more Twitter-like features as competition between the world's leading social networks heats up. There are now hashtags on Facebook, and the company is encouraging celebrities to use its site to interact with fans — just as many of them do on Twitter. □

Stocks fall as government shutdown drags on

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NEW YORK (AP) — Investors sent the Standard & Poor's 500 index to its lowest close in a month Monday as few signs emerged of a deal to end the U.S. government shutdown and raise the nation's borrowing limit.

Senate Democrats moved to introduce legislation to raise the nation's debt limit without the unrelated conditions Republicans have said they are seeking. The White House signaled it would accept even a brief extension in borrowing authority to prevent an unprecedented default by the United States.

On Sunday, speaker John Boehner had ruled out a vote in the House of Representatives on a straight-forward bill to increase the government's borrowing without concessions from President Barack Obama. Lawmakers have until Oct. 17 to reach a deal on increasing the nation's debt ceiling. Failure to strike a deal could cause the United States to miss payments on its debt. The Treasury warned last week that a default could push the economy into a downturn even worse than the Great Recession.

"Everything now is predicated on Washington," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist for Prudential. "That is what the market is focused on completely, getting a deal done to avoid a default."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 14.38 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,676.12. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped

136.34 points, or 0.9 percent, to 14,936.24. The Nasdaq composite fell 37.38 points, or 1 percent, to 3,770.38.

The losses were broad. Nine of the 10 industry

economic growth will slow as the budget impasse drags on.

There were also other signs that investors are getting gradually more nervous about the debt ceiling

term trend. The Federal Reserve continues to keep up its unprecedented stimulus of the economy, a strategy that has helped support a four-year surge in stocks.

The stock market climbed



Specialists Amanda Anderson and Bradley Kessler work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, Oct. 7, 2013. The stock market ended the day lower as the U.S. government began a second week of a partial shutdown with no signs of a budget agreement in sight.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

groups in the S&P 500 dropped. Phone companies were the only sector to advance.

Until now, the stock market has mostly moved sideways since the shutdown began at the start of the month, indicating that investors still expect lawmakers to come up with a deal. The S&P 500 is down 0.3 percent in October.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.63 percent from 2.65 percent. The yield has fallen close to its lowest in two months. Investors have bought Treasuries on concern that U.S.

deadline.

The VIX index, which rises when investors are getting more concerned about stock fluctuations, rose to its highest in more than three months.

The dollar fell against the euro and the Japanese yen. The dollar index, which measures the strength of the dollar against other currencies, fell for the seventh day in nine. The gauge is close to its lowest since February.

One of the reasons stocks haven't fallen more is that some investors see the current stall as a blip rather than a change in the long-

to record levels in September after the Fed said it would keep buying \$85 billion of bonds a month to support the U.S. economy. Many investors had expected the central bank to start reducing its stimulus. Minutes from the September meeting will be published Wednesday, giving investors insight into the central bank's thinking.

"We would encourage investors with a long-time horizon to think of this as a buying opportunity," said Kristina Hooper, U.S. Head of Investment and Client Strategies at Allianz Global Investors. □

Companies give lead LNG site for Alaskan project

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JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The companies seeking to advance a multibillion dollar natural gas pipeline project in Alaska have a leading contender for the terminal site where gas would be liquefied and shipped to Asia, signaling that a decades-old dream could still become a reality.

Exxon Mobil, BP, ConocoPhillips and TransCanada Corp. announced Monday that the Kenai Peninsula town of Nikiski is the leading contender.

Senior project manager Steve Butt said there are three or four other sites are still being considered — he declined to identify those — but said Nikiski has the land needed for the plant and the companies know they can route a pipeline there.

Land acquisition work is underway.

A liquefied natural gas plant operated in Nikiski for decades and provided exports to Japan.

But ConocoPhillips and its then-partner announced plans to close the plant in 2011, citing market changes.

Sporadic shipments continued until ConocoPhillips decided earlier this year not to renew its export license.

The state has asked ConocoPhillips to reopen the mothballed site and apply for a new license to provide an incentive for petroleum companies to explore and invest in Cook Inlet.

Butt said the liquefied natural gas plant envisioned as part of the pipeline project would be 16 or 17 times larger than that plant.

Alaskans have long dreamed of a gas line as a way to shore-up revenues as oil production — Alaska's economic lifeblood — declines, create jobs and provide energy for residents. Monday's announcement was another step toward the decades-old dream of building a gas pipeline to rival that of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline. □

Darling buying Vion Holding unit for \$2.17B

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Food recycling company Darling International Inc. is buying a unit of Vion Holding NV for about 1.6 billion euros (\$2.17 billion). The Irving, Texas, company said Monday that the acquisition will help diversify its product line. Vion Ingredients, based in the Netherlands, produces specialty ingredients from animal origin

for applications in pharmaceuticals, food, feed, pet food, fertilizer and bio-energy. Its brands include Rendac, Sonac, Ecoson, Rouselot, CTH and Best Hides. The company reported 2012 revenue of about 1.6 billion euros (\$2.17 billion). Dirk Kloosterboer will remain CEO of Vion Ingredients and will become chief operating officer of Dar-

ling once the transaction is complete. He will also become a Darling board member. Craig Irwin of Wedbush investment firm said in a client note that the transaction should help Darling to go global, as Vion has facilities in Europe, Asia and South America. The analyst maintained an "Outperform" rating and \$23 price target.

The deal is expected to close in January 2014, subject to finalization of the required employee consultations in the Netherlands and customary regulatory approvals.

Shares of Darling gained 71 cents, or 3.5 percent, to \$21.04 in afternoon trading. The stock has traded in a 52-week range of \$15.09 to \$22.20. □

Blackberry shares up on report of buyout interest

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of BlackBerry Ltd. rose more than 4 percent Monday on a report that the company is in sale talks with a handful of companies.

Reuters reported Friday that the struggling smartphone maker was holding discussions with Cisco, Google and SAP about a possible sale of all or part of itself. It cited "several sources close to the matter" that

it did not identify.

According to Reuters, BlackBerry has asked for preliminary expressions of interest from buyers including Intel Corp., LG and Samsung, by early next week.

BlackBerry shares rose 32 cents, or 4.2 percent, to \$8.01 in morning trading Monday.

The company released a statement Monday morn-

ing declining comment on the specific report.

But BlackBerry noted that its special committee along with independent financial and legal advisors "is conducting a robust and thorough review of strategic alternatives."

"We do not intend to disclose further developments with respect to the process until we approve a specific transaction or otherwise

conclude the review of strategic alternatives," the statement said.

BlackBerry announced last month that Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. signed a letter of intent that "contemplates" buying the company for \$9 a share, or \$4.7 billion. Fairfax, BlackBerry's largest shareholder, is trying to attract other investors.

Private equity firm Cerberus

has also expressed interest in buying the company.

Jefferies analyst Peter Misek backed his "Hold" rating for the stock on Monday.

He said that while any of the interested parties could get something out of a BlackBerry acquisition, the company has yet to generate much interest.

As a result, Misek still sees Fairfax, with its \$9 per share bid, as the likely winner. □

In a first, Japan Airlines orders new jets from Airbus

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TOKYO - Airbus announced a \$9.5 billion order from Japan Airlines on Monday, the European aircraft builder's biggest breakthrough in Japan, which is one of the last redoubts of dominance by Boeing.

Japan Airlines and Airbus said the Japanese carrier, also known as JAL, would buy 31 A350 wide-body jets, which are expected to replace Boeing 777s in the carrier's long-haul lineup. Airbus is set to begin deliveries of the A350, a new plane that made its first test flight in June, to JAL in 2019. Airbus and Boeing have been jousting for global leadership for years, with Boeing regaining the top spot in orders last year for the first time in a decade. Airbus long ago pushed into other Asian markets like China.

But Japan, where Boeing has been firmly entrenched since the end of World War II, has remained unusu-

ally loyal to the American company. JAL had never bought a plane from Airbus, and JAL's main domestic rival, All Nippon Airways, operates mostly Boeing jets.

"Certainly this is the big order Airbus was hoping for, the big foot in the door that could lead to new orders," said Will Horton, an analyst at the CAPA Center for Aviation in Hong Kong.

Fabrice Brégier, the Airbus chief executive, said he had been courting JAL executives intently since taking over last year.

Brégier, who worked in Japan early in his career for Pechiney, the French metals company, spoke a few words in halting Japanese at a news conference in Tokyo before switching to English.

"I have tried to give the best of Airbus to convince JAL that it was a no-brainer to select Airbus," he said. "I think in the past Airbus did not work closely enough with potential customers in

Japan."

Japan is the second-largest air travel market in Asia behind China, although China is growing faster. Boe-

ing has 428 passenger and cargo planes in service in the country, compared with 61 for Airbus, according to Ascend, an aviation

consulting firm. In China, by contrast, the two manufacturers are neck and neck, with more than 950 planes each in operation. □



Airbus Japan Chief Executive Fabrice Bregier, left, and Japan Airlines President Yoshiharu Ueki shake hands following their press conference in Tokyo, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013. Japan Airlines is buying its first ever jets from Airbus in a deal with a catalog value of 950 billion yen (\$9.5 billion) with a purchase of 31 A350 planes.

(AP Photo/Junji Kurokawa)

Cooper Tire, Apollo Tyres agreement grows strained

The Associated Press Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. shares plunged Monday as its \$2.2 billion deal with Apollo Tyres Ltd. becomes more uncertain.

India's Apollo is seeking a lower price than the original \$35 per share it offered Cooper in June because of added costs for union matters. Findlay, Ohio-based Cooper said it does not agree with such a price reduction.

Investors are increasingly concerned that the deal could fall apart. Under the terms of the agreement, if the deal is delayed past Dec. 31 it can be terminated without penalty. If it is completed, the deal would create the seventh-largest tire company in the world. Shares of Cooper fell nearly 13 percent to \$25.81 in afternoon trading. Its stock has traded between \$18.38 and \$34.79 in the

past 52 weeks, peaking in June when the deal was announced. The deal between Cooper and Apollo had been approved by the boards of both companies and Cooper shareholders. However, union talks led to a delay and the deal's future has been complicated by escalating conflicts between the companies.

Cooper filed a complaint in a Delaware court on Friday asking that Apollo be

required to quickly close on the deal. It accused Apollo of dragging its feet on union talks to either back out of the deal or give it leverage to ask for a lower price. An agreement must be reached with the union for the deal to close.

Apollo said Sunday that it is working to resolve complex union matters and finds Cooper's request to speed matters up unreasonable. Apollo is also seeking a low-

er price than the original \$35 per share because of added costs for union matters.

Cooper said in a regulatory filing that it does not agree that any such reduction is due. Apollo also argued that Cooper has not provided sufficient information that it needs regarding a Chinese subsidiary. The U.S. company said that it is working to resolve issues with its Chinese partner. □

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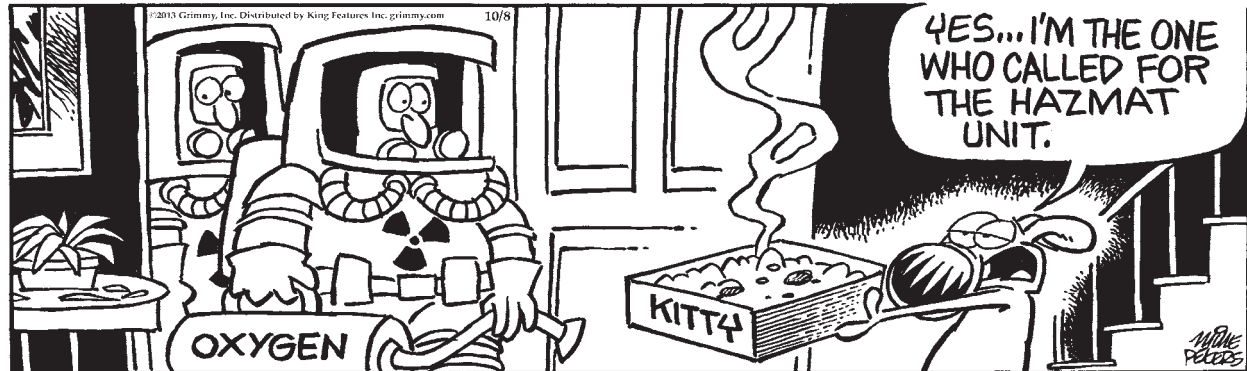
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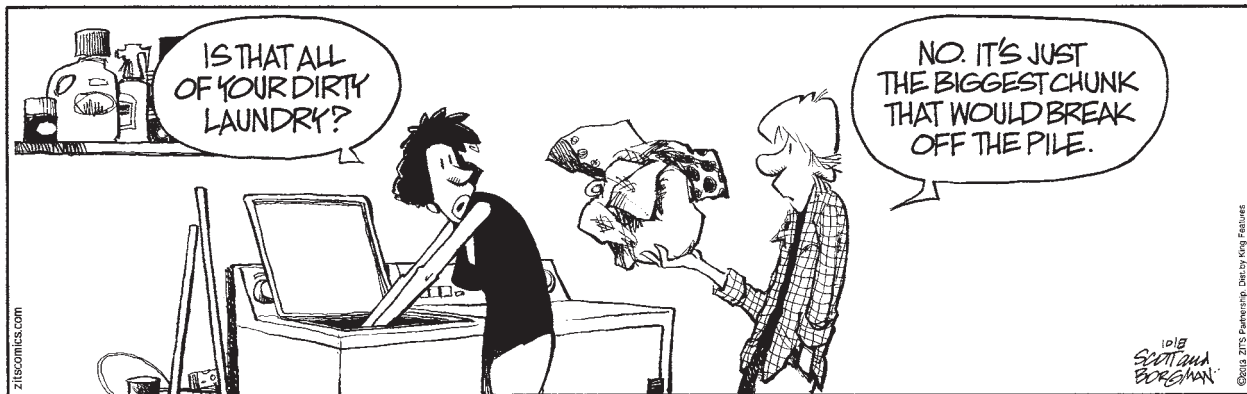
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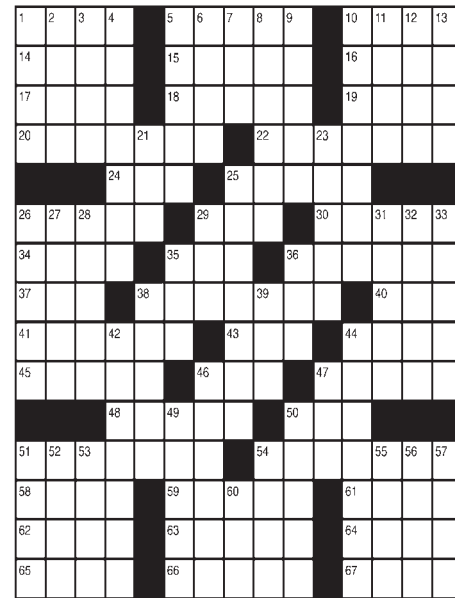
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Greeks hope to save ancient road on subway site



Demonstrators protest outside the construction site of a new subway station in Thessaloniki, Greece, on Monday Oct. 7 2013. Some 200 people, including many state-employed archaeologists, have protested Greek government plans to dig up a large section of an ancient Roman road, and move it elsewhere, to make way for a new subway station. Holding a banner reading "Culture is not business," the demonstrators outside the construction site at the center of the northern city of Thessaloniki are calling for the stone road to be incorporated into the subway station. (AP Photo Nikolas Giakoumidis)

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THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP)

— When a brand-new subway system hits an ancient road, surely something has to give. But in one northern Greek city, archaeologists are fighting to combine the two, against government plans to remove and display elsewhere a large section of an ancient Roman thoroughfare found on a planned subway station.

Some 200 people, including many state-employed archaeologists, on Monday formed a chain round the central Thessaloniki site, beating drums and holding a banner reading "Culture is not business."

The protest was organized by the Association of Greek Archaeologists, which wants the metro station re-designed to incorporate the ancient remains and has raised more than 12,000 signatures in an online petition to preserve the road.

The 76-meter- (250-foot) long and 7.5-meter- (25-foot) wide stretch of road — a junction of the city's main road with a smaller street — mostly dates to the 4th century, with 6th century additions. Archaeologists also unearthed the

remains of a row of shops, including many jewelers' workshops, a collapsed monumental stone arch, a sewage conduit and water pipes running parallel to the road.

The state-controlled Attiko Metro, which is overseeing work to build Thessaloniki's subway system, has argued that it would be extremely costly and time-consuming to preserve the entire remains in the metro station.

But archaeologist Aristotelis Mentzos told The Associated Press that it was essential to preserve such a chunk of Thessaloniki's past in its original position.

"It is important for the city that relics of its history be incorporated in its living fabric, the metro network," said Mentzos, a professor at the University of Thessaloniki. "They will draw visitors and city dwellers, but at the same time the city must not be completely alienated from its past." Monday's peaceful protest came a day before Greece's Supreme Court is expected to discuss an appeal from Thessaloniki's city council against a Culture Ministry decision to relocate the antiquities for display in another part of the city. The court has already temporarily suspended re-

moval work, pending a final ruling.

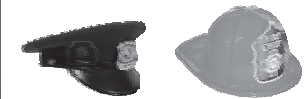
Archaeologist Giorgos Velenis insisted that the government's plans for the remains miss the point.

"Such a complex would have no reason to exist in a different location," he said. Thessaloniki was founded in the 4th century BC and became an important city during Byzantine times. Remains of its past stud the modern city center, including mediaeval churches, city walls, a Roman marketplace, a monumental arch and the perfectly preserved Rotunda, a Roman building dating to the 4th century AD that later served as a church.

Work to build a 9.6-kilometer (6-mile) subway network that would ease chronic traffic congestion started in 2006, and is scheduled for completion in 2016. Attiko Metro says it has spent about 75 million euros so far to fund archaeological excavations at construction sites. □

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Ethical issues as scientists peek into baby genes

LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Little Amelia Sloan is a pioneer: Shortly after her birth, scientists took drops of the healthy baby's blood to map her genetic code.

Amelia is part of a large research project that is decoding the DNA of hundreds of infants. New parents soon can start signing up for smaller studies to explore if what's called genome sequencing — fully mapping someone's genes to look for health risks — should become a part of newborn care.

It's full of ethical challenges. Should parents be told only about childhood threats? Or would they also want to learn if their babies carried a key gene for, say, breast cancer after they're grown? Could knowing about future risks alter how a family treats an otherwise healthy youngster? And how accurate is this technology — could it raise too many false alarms?

This is the newest frontier in the genetic revolution: how early to peek into someone's DNA, and how to make use of this health forecast without causing needless worry.

"This was something that was looming over the horizon," said Dr. Alan Guttm-



In this photo taken Sept. 24, 2013, Holly Sloan interacts with her baby Amelia at their home in Warrenton, Va. Amelia's family enrolled in a study that is deciding the DNA of babies, as researchers explore whether gene-mapping one day should become a part of newborn care.

acher, a pediatrician and geneticist at the National Institutes of Health. Last month, NIH announced a \$25 million, five-year pilot project in four cities — Boston, San Francisco, Chapel Hill, and Kansas City — to start answering some of the questions before the technology is widely offered for babies.

Today, the 4 million U.S. babies born annually have a heel pricked in the hospital, providing a spot of blood to be tested for signs of at least 30 rare diseases.

This newborn screening catches several thousand affected babies each year in time for early treatment to prevent death, brain damage or other disabilities. It's considered one of the nation's most successful public health programs. A complete genetic blueprint would go well beyond what that newborn blood spot currently tells doctors and parents — allowing a search for potentially hundreds of other conditions, some that arise in childhood and some later,

some preventable and some not.

"If I truly believed that knowing one's genome was going to be transformative to medicine over the next decade or more, then wouldn't I want to start generating that information around the time of birth?" asked Dr. John Niederhuber, former director of the National Cancer Institute who now oversees one of the largest baby-sequencing research projects to date. At Niederhuber's Inova Translational Medicine Institute in Falls Church, Virginia, researchers are mapping the genomes of newborns, along with their parents and other relatives for comparison. The long-term goal of the privately funded study is to uncover genetic patterns that predict complex health problems, from prematurity to developmental disorders. But the experimental tests will turn up some gene mutations already well-known to cause serious ailments, and participating parents must choose upfront whether to be told. They don't get a full report card of their baby's genes. Only ones that cause treatable or preventable conditions — so-called medically actionable findings — are revealed, to the family's doctor. That means in addition to pediatric diseases,

parents also could learn whether a baby carries a particular breast-cancer-causing gene, information useful once she reaches young adulthood.

Nurse Holly Sloan was eager to enroll daughter Amelia, although she thought hard about how she'd handle any bad news.

"If it was something that we could hopefully prevent through diet or exercise or some kind of lifestyle change, we could start with that as early as possible," said Sloan. "I guess I'm just the type of person, I would rather know and address it." Five months after Amelia's birth, she hasn't gotten any worrisome results. Until now, genome sequencing has been used mostly in research involving curious adults or to help diagnose children or families plagued by mysterious illnesses. But many specialists say it's almost inevitable that DNA mapping eventually will be used for healthy young children, too, maybe as an addition to traditional newborn screening for at least some tots. It takes a few drops of blood or a cheek swab. And while it's still too costly for routine use, the price is dropping rapidly. Whole genome sequencing is expected to soon come down to \$1,000, what it now costs for a more targeted "exome" sequencing that maps only certain genes and may be enough. The NIH decided this was a window of opportunity to explore different ways this technology might be used. One of the four teams — at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City — will test rapid gene-mapping to speed diagnosis of sick babies in intensive care.

Another will look for narrow sets of genes important in childhood, such as those involved with immune disorders not detected by today's newborn screening or that alter how a child processes medication. "It's not going to be some sort of fishing expedition throughout the genome," said Dr. Robert Nussbaum of the University of California, San Francisco. □

Swiss university launches Human Brain Project

GENEVA (AP) — A Swiss university has launched what it calls the world's most ambitious neuroscience project with a budget of 1.2 billion euros (\$1.6 billion).

The Human Brain Project, co-funded by the European Union, plans to use supercomputers to model the brain and then simulate drugs and treatments for diseases that cost hundreds of billions of euros annually in Europe alone.

The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne on Monday held initial meetings with scientists from 135 partner institutions, aiming over the next 30 months to set up and test platforms that from 2016 will be used for the simulations and computa-



From left, Philippe Gillet, president of the EPFL, Richard Frackowiak from the medical informatics platform, Henry Markram neuroscientist and coordinator of the Human Brain Project, HBP, and Karlheinz Meier from the neuromorphic computing platform, attend a press conference, at the Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, EPFL, in Lausanne, Switzerland, Monday, Oct. 7, 2013.

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tions.

The U.S. National Institutes of Health in May also announced an attempt to

map the brain, while German scientists announced in June they had created a digital brain model. □

Swift, Aldean among CMA Awards performers

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Taylor Swift, Jason Aldean and most of the major nominees have signed on to perform at the Country Music Association Awards next month. Swift and Aldean were among the first round of performers announced Monday for the Nov. 6 show in Nashville, Tennessee. Top nominee Swift is one of four entertainer of the year nominees who will perform, along with Aldean, Luke Bryan and Blake Shelton. Former entertainer winners Keith Urban and Tim McGraw also are scheduled to perform, along with Miranda Lambert and Little Big Town. Lambert and her



In this Feb. 10, 2013 file photo shows producer Jermaine Dupri at the Warner Music Group 2013 Grammy Celebration at the Chateau Marmont in West Hollywood, Calif.

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Jermaine Dupri joins Mariah Carey's management team

NEW YORK (AP) — Music producer Jermaine Dupri is joining Mariah Carey's management team. A representative for Carey confirmed the news Monday. They have collaborated on hits like "Always Be My Baby," "Don't Forget About Us" and "We Belong Together," which was named song of the decade and is one of the most popular songs of all time. Carey said in a statement

that she and Dupri "have a bond that surpasses music." The singer is recording a new album called "The Art of Letting Go." The first single, the Miguel-featured "#Beautiful," was released in May and peaked at No. 15. Dupri has written and produced for Usher, Monica and Destiny's Child. He has had success with acts like Kris Kross, Xscape, Bow Wow and Jagged Edge on his So So Def label. □

Singer Taylor Swift arrives on the red carpet at the premiere of the feature film "Romeo and Juliet" at the ArcLight Hollywood on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013 in Los Angeles.

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husband, Shelton, have five nominations apiece, one behind top nominees Swift and Kacey Musgraves. More performers will be announced later. Carrie Underwood and Brad Paisley will host the 47th annual awards. □

Esquire names Scarlett Johansson 'sexiest' again

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven years after being named Esquire magazine's sexiest woman alive, Scarlett Johansson has earned the title for a second time. Johansson, who also won in 2006, is the first woman to get the honor twice. Last year's winner was Mila Kunis. Johansson jokingly tells the magazine she's "gotta hustle" and "pretty soon the roles you're offered all become mothers. Then they just sort of stop."

The 28-year-old actress is also off-the-market. She recently went public with her engagement to former French journalist Romain Dauriac. It will be her second marriage. She split from Ryan Reynolds in 2010. She says jealousy "comes with the territory" with a Frenchman but she prefers being with someone "who's a little jealous." The November issue of Esquire hits newsstands Oct. 15. □



TWC adds HGTV, Food for out-of-home watching

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Time Warner Cable is adding programming including Food Network and HGTV to the channels available on its on-the-go viewing app to help it keep pay TV subscribers. The cable operator says it will add those channels, as well as DIY, Travel Channel and Cooking Channel to its TWC TV app. That brings the channels available to watch on the mobile app to 12 nationwide. The deal could help Time Warner Cable Inc. hold on to its pay TV customers as it adds more features with-

out adding to their monthly bill. And content provider Scripps Networks Interactive Inc. may benefit in the future if more viewers helps boost its ad revenue. The New York-based cable operator has said its customers used the app nearly 5 million times in June, double the number a year ago. Most app usage still occurs in the home, but the cable operator is adding to its on-the-go viewing lineup to bolster its "TV Everywhere" offerings, said Mike Angus, Time Warner Cable's senior vice president and general

manager of video. "TV Everywhere" is an industry initiative to tie viewing on mobile devices and computers to a traditional pay TV subscription. It is a way to compete with online video services like Netflix while not harming the traditional pay TV business. Knoxville, Tenn.-based Scripps cut a similar deal to allow viewing of its channels on Verizon's FiOS Mobile app last month. Scripps spokesman Mark Kroeger said the company plans to ink similar deals with other TV distributors going forward. □

'Betrayal' with Daniel Craig already a hit

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The real-life husband-and-wife team Daniel Craig and Rachel Weisz helped propel "Betrayal" to a Broadway record — and the show hasn't even officially opened yet.

Data released Monday from The Broadway League shows that the first seven previews of the Harold Pinter revival earned \$1,100,818, breaking the Barrymore Theater's weekly box office record. It took the crown set by the recent revival of "Death of a Salesman," which grossed \$1,066,582 in June 2012. The two shows share the same director, Mike Nichols, and lead producer, Scott Rudin. More records may fall soon when the show increases to eight performances a week. It opens Oct. 27, when critics have their say. Adding to its pull is that "Betrayal" is to play only 14 weeks, through Jan. 5.

Overall, the 28 shows on Broadway last week earned \$21,422,654. A few new shows — including "A Night With Janis Joplin," "The Snow Geese," "A Time to Kill" and "That Winslow Boy" — have begun previews but haven't had



This theater publicity image released by Boneau Bryan Brown shows Rachel Weisz, left, Daniel Craig in a promotional photo from Harold Pinter's "Betrayal," a play about a love triangle and the pain of loss that stars real-life couple Rachel Weisz and Daniel Craig. The play opens Oct. 27 at the Barrymore Theatre in New York.

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critics weigh in yet. Another new show, "Big Fish," opened Sunday to mixed notices.

The numbers also show the softening in demand for "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" continues — it grossed \$654,748, or 42 percent of its potential \$1,543,508 with its home, the Foxwoods Theatre, three-quarters full. Another show barely limping along is "Soul Doctor" which grossed only 15 percent of its \$716,208 potential. □

Former Google CEO to co-write management book

The Associated Press

Now that he is no longer Google's CEO, Eric Schmidt evidently has a lot more time to write books. After releasing a technology treatise about his vision of the future in an Internet-connected world, Schmidt will share some of the management tips that he learned while running Google Inc. for a decade. The upcoming book will be called "No Adult Supervision Required: How To Build Successful 21st Century Companies." Schmidt is co-writing it with Jonathan Rosenberg, one of Schmidt's top lieutenants at Google. Publisher Business Plus, an imprint of Hachette Book Group, announced Monday that it



Eric Schmidt, Chairman of Google, participates in the panel discussion "The Pulse of Today's Global Economy" at the Clinton Global Initiative, Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013 in New York.

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plans to release the book in the fall of 2014. Schmidt was Google's CEO from 2001 to 2011, when company co-founder Larry Page took over. Schmidt remains Mountain View, California-based Google's executive chairman. □



This image released by Cromarty and Co. shows Dee Dee Bridgewater performing in the off-Broadway musical play, "Lady Day," about legendary jazz singer Billie Holiday. The role not only involves more than 25 musical production numbers but also 16 monologues, or "regressions," that look at the brilliant singer's troubled life.

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Dee Dee Bridgewater on a 'demanding role'

CHARLES J. GANS
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Dee Dee Bridgewater might have been a Broadway star were she not so successful as a jazz singer. She won a Tony Award in her Broadway debut as Glinda the Good Witch in "The Wiz." But she later rededicated herself to her jazz career, touring the world, winning three Grammys Awards and hosting NPR's nationally syndicated "Jazz Set." Now the 63-year-old Bridgewater has put her jazz career on hold to return to the New York stage for the first time since 1979 in the off-Broadway musical play, "Lady Day," about legendary jazz singer Billie Holiday. The role not only involves more than 25 musical production numbers but also 16 monologues, or "regressions," that look at the brilliant singer's troubled life. "It's just a very difficult and demanding role," said Bridgewater. "You have to call on so many different emotions and different periods in her life: you have to play a 10-year-old girl, a young Billie and then your present Billie," said Bridgewater, interviewed at Sardi's restaurant in the theater district. Writer and director Stephen Stahl sketched out

the play on a solitary Christmas Eve in 1979 while listening to Holiday's music which evoked his own feeling of loneliness and being an outsider as a gay, Jewish man who had started drinking at age 8 and dropped out of school. "I understand what addiction is and what it is to feel different," Stahl said. "Billie expressed to me all of that desertion, fear and the need to be loved through her music. I also believe Billie was a survivor and saw her as a very strong human being who was giving out her love continually."

The play premiered in 1980 at the Walnut Street Theatre Studio 5 in Philadelphia and was staged at regional U.S. theaters but not in New York. Stahl cast Bridgewater for the European production after hearing her perform at a New York club.

As a young singer, Bridgewater considered Ella Fitzgerald to be the epitome of a virtuosic jazz singer, but regarded Holiday more as a song interpreter. She came to appreciate Holiday when her then-husband, trumpeter Cecil Bridgewater, encouraged her to read the singer's ghostwritten autobiography "Lady Sings the Blues." Bridgewater found that she shared experiences

from Billie's life: encountering strict discipline from nuns at a Roman Catholic school, being molested at age 11 and raped at 18, and falling into abusive relationships with men. "My experience wasn't as bad as Billie's, but I can take different points in my life and find some kind of similarity to what Billie went through," she said. In 1986-87, Bridgewater performed "Lady Day" (in French) in Paris, and then in London where she received an Olivier Award nomination for best actress in a musical. Bridgewater felt "possessed" by Billie's spirit and months after the show closed she still found herself singing in Holiday's voice at her own concerts. Bridgewater had optioned the play, but her plans to bring "Lady Day" to New York in 2009 fell through amid the global recession. She also had to relocate to Nevada to care for her mother who has Alzheimer's. Instead, she produced a CD "Eleanora Fagan (1915-1959): To Billie With Love From Dee Dee" (using the singer's original name) on which she sang modern arrangements of Holiday's songbook, including such classics as "Lover Man" and "Don't Explain," which won a Grammy in 2011. □

Frankenstein Goes To Congress



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Our question for today is: Why don't the Republicans just throw in the towel? Really, this is not going well for anybody. Lots of reasons. There's Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, the Gen. Patton of the government shutdown. And people like the Republican in the House who said he and his colleagues "have to get something out of this. And I don't know what that even is." Also, Ted Cruz.

"So many Democrats have invoked my name as the root of all evil in the world," Cruz complained on the floor of the Senate Friday. This is true. Senate Republicans merely regard him as the root of most of the evil in the world.

But here's my long-term theory. Over the past few years, Republicans have terrified their most fervent followers about Obamacare in order to disguise the fact that they no longer knew what to say about their old *bête noir*, entitlements. Now they can't turn the temperature down.

Let's review. Not so very long ago, worrying about entitlements was central to Republican identity. Then, they began to notice that the folks at their rallies looked like the audience for "Matlock" reruns. The base was aging, and didn't want to change Social Security or Medicare. The base didn't even want to be reminded that Social Security and Medicare were federal programs.

During the last Republican primary debates, Gov. Rick Perry called Social Security a "Ponzi scheme." Mitt Romney jumped all over him, then raced off to tell a conservative talk show host that if the Republicans nominated someone with Perry's view on Social Security "we would be obliterated as a party."

This year, when President Barack Obama proposed a budget that actually did reduce the rate at which Social Security benefits would rise in the future, the chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee denounced it as "a shocking attack on seniors."

People like Paul Ryan still fiddled with Medicare, but only in wonkese that didn't trickle down to the public. There were vague references to the need to "protect" programs for the elderly. But the party had lost its old rallying cry. Enter health care reform. Just this week, Rick Perry called

Obamacare "a criminal act." He appears to be gearing up for another presidential run, and you are not going to hear any Ponzi talk this time around. However, he's so set against the new health care law that he's refusing to let 1.5 million really poor Texans qualify for federally financed coverage. When Rick Perry has a principle, no sacrifice is too great.

All over the nation, Tea Party politicians have been telling their most fervid constituents that Obamacare will bring the federal government into the nation's health system, thus wrecking the wonderful coverage they now enjoy with Medicare. Which comes into their homes through the chimney, where it is dropped by free-enterprise storks.

Rep. John Culberson of Texas called Obamacare "a violation of our most sacred right as Americans to be left alone." This was during an interview with Salon, in which Culberson waxed wrath about the whole idea of any government intervention into health care.

The interviewer, Josh Eidelson, asked, "What does that mean for Medicare, then?"

"What does that mean for Medicare? What does that have to do with anything?" Culberson demanded.

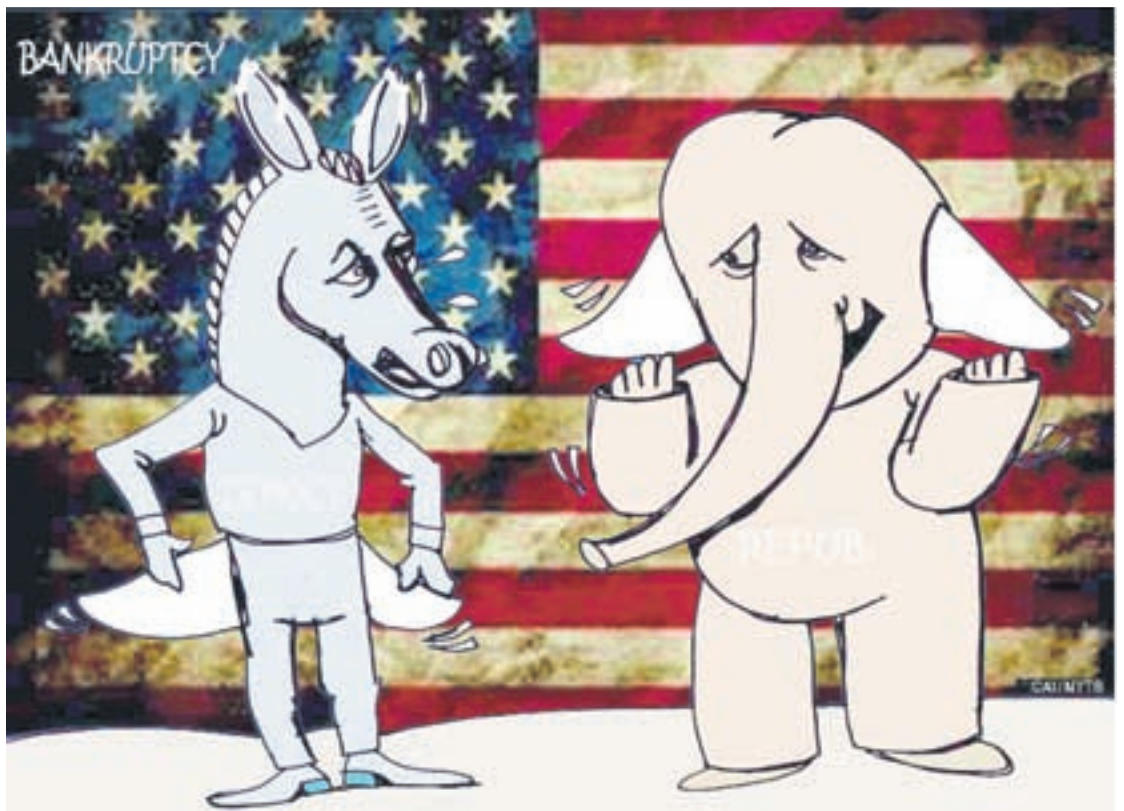
So there you are. It's not easy leading a political movement that believes the federal government is at the core of all our problems while depending heavily on the votes of citizens who get both their retirement money and health care from the federal government.

"Obamacare is the most dangerous piece of legislation ever passed in Congress. It is the most existential threat to our economy ... since the Great Depression," said Rep. John Fleming of Louisiana. Think about that for a minute. "Most dangerous piece of legislation ever" really does suggest that it's worse than, say, the Fugitive Slave Act. On the other hand, how many members of the House of Representatives do you hear throw around the word "existential?" So there's that.

If you were a fervent Tea Party follower, listening to this kind of talk for the last few years, you'd feel pretty confident that this showdown in Washington could only end one way, right?

"Congressmen, this is about shutting down Obamacare," Erick Erickson wrote in the influential blog RedState. "Democrats keep talking about our refusal to compromise. They don't realize our compromise is defunding Obamacare. ... Our endgame is to leave the whole thing shut down until the president defunds Obamacare. And if he does not defund Obamacare, we leave the whole thing shut down."

They've created a monster. And now the rest of the country is turning into peasants with torches, storming their castle. □



A Fracking Test



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A few weeks ago, a group of scientists led by David T. Allen of the University of Texas published an important, peer-reviewed paper in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The subject was our old friend hydraulic fracturing - aka fracking - that infamous process that allows companies to drill for natural gas trapped in shale formations deep below the earth's surface. Thanks to the fracking boom, America is on the verge of overtaking Russia as the world's largest producer of oil and gas, as The Wall Street Journal pointed out a few days ago. Supporters of fracking (like me) tend to focus on the economic and foreign policy blessings that come with being able to supply so much more of our energy needs in-house, as it were. Critics, however, fear that fracking could have grave environmental consequences. And they worry that the abundance of natural gas will keep America hooked on fossil fuels. Ever since April 2011, when Robert Howarth, Renee Santoro and Anthony Ingraffea of Cornell University published a study that purported to "evaluate the greenhouse gas footprint" of fracking, there has been an additional fear: that the process of extracting all that gas from the ground was creating an emissions problem that made coal look good by comparison. The primary problem, according

to Howarth and his colleagues, was the amount of methane - somewhere between 3.6 and 7.9 percent of the natural gas produced, they estimated - that escaped into the atmosphere. Methane turns out to be a powerful greenhouse gas "72 times more potent than carbon dioxide over a 20 year period," according to the Environmental Defense Fund, which instigated the University of Texas study.

Howarth's study, however, was purely an estimate. Because there was very little hard data, Howarth, who is openly anti-fracking, had taken no actual measurements himself but had pieced together his numbers from the existing literature. What was needed was somebody who could put instruments directly on the wells themselves and come up with hard figures that couldn't be second-guessed. That's where David Allen and his team came in. Enlisting the cooperation of nine companies that in many cases were using the best available well-completion technology - technology that will be mandated by the federal government by 2015 - they concluded that the methane leakage during the production of natural gas was a mere 0.42 percent. In some parts of the process the emissions were lower than government estimates, but in other parts they were considerably higher. The study soon became a kind of fracking Rorschach test. Jack Gerard, the head of the American Petroleum Institute, sent a blast email to Capitol Hill claiming that the study proved that "hydraulic fracturing is safe for the environment," when it did nothing of the sort. (Indeed, the scientists are planning 15 more studies that will cover every stage of natural gas development.)

The anti-frackers, meanwhile, quickly dismissed the validity of the study because the nine companies involved had both cooperated and helped pay for it. Steve Horn, a climate change

blogger, dismissed the study as "'frackademia' - industry-funded 'science' dressed up to look like objective academic analysis." The question of why a study that necessitated industry cooperation and money is inherently less valid than a study produced by scientists who are openly opposed to fracking was left unanswered. No matter who backs which study, the studies with the most valid, replicable data will win out. That's how science works. The reason the Environmental Defense Fund wanted this study done is precisely so that unassailable data, rather than mere estimates, could become part of the debate over fracking. You can't have sound regulation without good data.

"This study is one of the more important things I've done in my career," Allen told me, "because what we do with the shale gas resource is one of the more critically important environmental and economic decisions the country is going to make."

As it turns out, the one anti-fracker who didn't scoff at the University of Texas study was Howarth himself. "Allen et. al. have done a fine job of characterizing emissions in the sites they have studied," he wrote in a news release. He described Allen and his team to me as "quality scientists" who had produced "valuable information."

The EDF's goal is to get overall methane leakage to 1 percent or lower, using a combination of technology and regulation. That would make natural gas unarguably better than coal for the climate. When I spoke to Howarth, he expressed skepticism that a leakage rate under 1 percent was possible. But he also said that if methane leakage could "reliably" be brought under 1 percent, "I would be much less worried about developing shale gas."

"Really?" I asked.

Yes, he replied. "I'm a scientist. I really am." □

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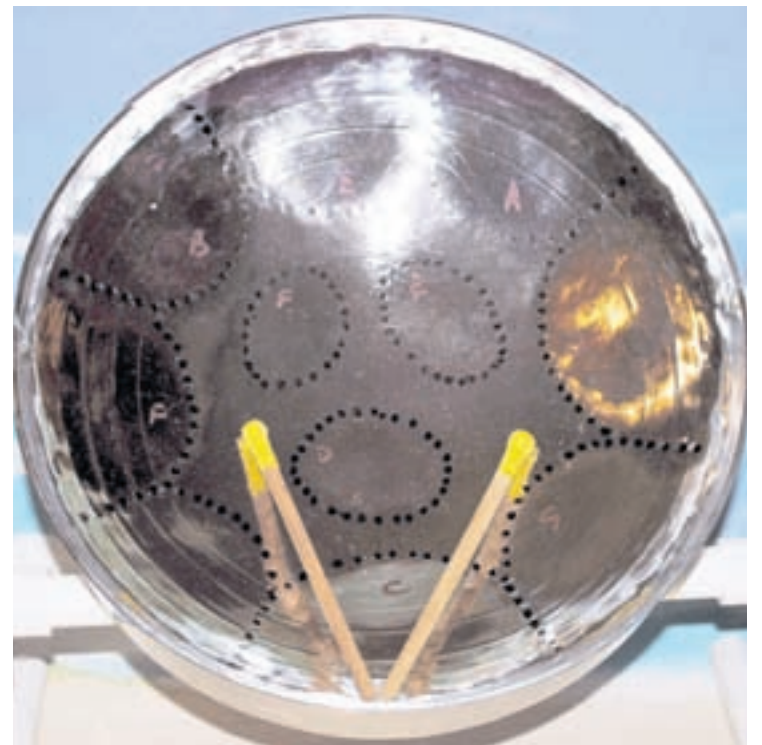
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